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'Deepest sympathy — Elizabeth R' ● Royal visitors lay flowers for murdered children



The Queen meets mourners outside Dumblane Cathedral yesterday. She laid a wreath at the primary school

Nation stops to mourn

The Queen knelt and shops fell silent for the dead of Dunblane.

Eriend Clouston reports

the royal party headed off for Stirling Infirmary, where five pupils and two teachers are still being treated.

Earlier, just before 9,30am, 40 people had gathered outside the gates of Dunblane. A policeman's radio fizzed. "Okay, people, it's 9,30," he said, folding his hands in front of his yellow jacket. Silvednesday Thomas Hamilton multaneously, millions of multane

wearing a dark blue coat, walked cautiously towards the heart of the bank of bouquets. Where the school drive met the street, she knott and set a circle of pink and cream flowers on the wet tarmac. Princess Arme added a bouquet of snowdrops, bound in tartan ribbon. The Queen's note read: "With deepest sympathy — Elizabeth R."

ITH the Prin-cess Royal paces, stood in silence for a on her left, few seconds and glanced the Queen, briefly in the direction of the

empty playground.
"It's appalling," the Queen mouthed to the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth. She turned to go back to her lim-ousine, then checked and stepped briskly past her wreath to have a word with 77-year-old Elizabeth Walker

from Glenrothes.
"She said it was a tragedy,

Wednesday Thomas Hamilton slaughtered 16 five-year-old children and their teacher before killing himself.

To a stranger they might have looked like a bus queue, were it not for the flowers and the crash barriers. The bouquets had been leaned against the garden walls of the fine houses in Doune Road. A sign read: "All the soft toys have been placed inside the school,

for weather protection".
"It is just something we had happening in a place like to do," said Peter McGhee, a of community spirit since the this." reported Mrs Walker as blacksmith from Parkhead, in end of the second world war.

multaneously, millions of people across the country turned their thoughts to Dunblane. For 60 seconds shoppers paused in supermarkets and broadcasters fell silent. Trains were deliberately de-Scores of motorway service stations suspended fuel sales.

people ... can end in such heartache, sorrow and despair," he said. Outside, another 100 people stood in the graveyard as the victims' names were read out of a BBC loudspeaker. Several Airports and ferry terminals requested respect for the memory of the 17 victims. It hundred miles to the south was probably the country's most concentrated expression of community spirit since the

ing service from the cathedral was transmitted live to the

nation. The Reverend Colin McIntosh could offer no theo-

logical explanation for the "bit-

ter. dreadful reality" that Dun-

blane was waking up to.
"Last Wednesday morning
we glimpsed a facet of life we

don't ever dare to consider for

too long; that what begins as an ordinary day for ordinary

In Dunblane itself, the morn- | every boy and girl in that class because we know how happy they were ... and how unfair and wrong it all seems to be," Mr McIntosh told the Sunday school. "Even the grown-ups don't understand."

For them, Mr McIntosh had the thoughts of a survivor of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster. that "tragedy does not take away life, but increases it". "Perhaps we are now more loving people, more sensitive, more concerned for each ther because of that moment of grief which opens our eyes to the importance of our com-

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Gun ban sought, page 4; the same dismal toll was being read at Westminster Abbey.

"We are remembering Madia, G2 pages 7-9

GEC in £5bn Middle East arms deal

Paul Murphy, Simon and David Fairhall

EC, Britain's leading defence contractor, securing a multi-billion pound order to supply to the United Arab Emirates which would secure thousands of jobs in the defence

billion according to some experts, involves development of a new "super-intelli-gent" missile similar to the American Tomahawk cruise

Secret negotiations on the contract have been under way for more than a year, and the technology involved has been exhaustively tested over

recent months.
Some close followers of GEC had expected news of the contract to be announced last week, with the company planning a series of presentations in London. But a last-minute hitch has meant that announcement of the deal could now be delayed for weeks or

even months.
One issue thought by some observers to have slowed down the deal is the negotia-tion of a military treaty be-tween Britain and the UAE. similar to tie-ups being nego-tlated between the Emirates

and the US and France.

The treaty — probably in the form of a memorandum of understanding — would cover denote the form of a memorandum of the form of th

troops in the UAE.

Although it is not a trade agreement, like the giant AlYamamah oil for arms deal with Saudi Arabia which is worth 12 billion a year, the memorandum would form a framework within which commercial negotiations | tion and research authority is could proceed.

proved an embarrassing ob-stacle in Britain's efforts to GEC apparently trailing in sell Tornado aircraft to the the RAF competition, the

to put their rapid reaction force under local jurisdiction whereas the British are not a refusal confirmed by the

Defence Secretary, Michael Portilio, during a visit to the Gulf at the end of last year. Observers believe the deal has taken so long to negotiate because the UAE has in recent years loosened its dependence on Britain as its prime sup been trying to cut defence pro-curement costsby encouraging competition among foreign manufacturers.

While details of the new missile system remain hazy. GEC has lined up more than 100 other companies to carry out sub-contracting work Many of these are British -

Many of these are British—such as Lucas Industries, Dowty, Fairey Group and M. L. Aviation—but GEC is also planning to use a South African company, Kentron, to produce some of the more advanced electronics.

GEC has long supplied its Hakim guided weapon system to the UAE, and is said to be offering one of two possible upgraded versions of this system. A similar weapon—codenamed Pegasus—has also been offered by GEC to the Royal Air Force, which is the Royal Air Force, which is

looking for a new convention ally armed stand-off missile (Casom). However the frontrunners for a deal with the British de-

Storm Shadow, based on a French Matra airframe, an air-launched version of the American Tomahawk missile made by Hughes, and a cheap but effective Israeli missile

called the Popeye.
The MoD's defence evaluaould proceed.

The agreement has already tems being offered for the UAE, primarily in competition with French Mirages.

UAE order is doubly important to the group's efforts to tion with French Mirages.

The French. according to the Arab state, are prepared the guided weapons industry.

Sports staff

HE streets of Colombo saw astonishing scenes of cylebration last night after Sri Lanka completed the higgest triumph in its sport-ing history by heating Austra-ia in Lahore to win cricket's such World Cup Thousands of supporters poured out of their homes to

light firecrackers, dance in the streets and acclaim the seven-wicket victory. It came a month after Australia had refused to play Sri Lanka in their opening group match in Colombo following the bomb blast which killed more than 30 people there.

The all-rougder Arayında de Silva took three weekets followed by a superh 107 not out to see Sri Lanka home. Sr: Lanka reached their tar- The referee stopped the fight



Frank Brung: too soon to decide about retirement

get at 345 for three with 3.4 overs to spare.

Meanwhile, in Las Vegas
the British boxer Frank Bruno woke up to the realisa-Australia scored 241 for tuon that his 196-day rugn as seven in their 30 overs and world champion was over. against Mike Tyson less than a minute into the third round after Bruno had been unable

Bruno said it was too soon to make a decision about retirement. "I don't want to jump into things at the moment," he said. "I don't want to make any hasty decisions. I'm not a clairvoyant. I need to sit down and chill out. It's still fresh in my mind."

The fight was broadcast live on BSkyB at 5am yesterday. The satellite station, which charged £9.95 for Britain's first pay-per-view event, said it signed up 600,000 sub-scribers and claimed an overall audience of 2 million.

In rugby union England won the Triple Crown and Five Nations Championship on Saturday by beating Ireland 28-15 at Twickenham — Will Carling's last match as captain.

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Cricket joy for Sri Lanka Gay soldier saved Ashdown

Patrick Wintour, Chief **Political Correspondent**

PADDY ASHDOWN yes-terday joined in the condemnation of the Government's ban on gays in the armed forces, saying many of Britain's greatesi soldiers were gay and revealing that he himself had as a soldier been saved from death by a gay

colleague.
Mr Ashdown was speaking at the launch of a Liberal Democrat gay guaran-tee, which includes the right of gays to have the same chances to foster or adopt children as hetero-

sexual couples. "If you really want leadership that is about duck-ing these issues, as the Labour Party does in order to pander to prejudices,

When Labour takes office,

Economics



Labour," he said. "If you want a Britain based on fairness in which discrimination, whether on gender, race, creed or sexual orienthen fine, then go and vote tation are removed from authority.

If you can survive the

very, very, silty Jilly, but you

ination, then the only thing to do is to back the Liberal Democrats. The man who trained

me ... as a young Royal Marine officer was a tremendous man . . . He was a major in the Royal Marines. He had a brilliant war record - absolutely brilliant. He was kicked out

of the services.
"[He was] the best soldier I've ever had the privilege to serve with. I certainly owe my life to him on one

Among the guarantees Mr Ashdown promises are commitment to end the practice of entrapment by police of gays, the importance of police treating les hians and gays as equals and legislation to respect private and family life with no interference by a public

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tackling job insecurity wavering prose, you get Crossword 15; Weather 16 some hint of the charm will have to be top priority. And the party will have to that comes through in her conversation. She is a spell out clearly how this



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can't help liking her for it

Profile

No cash, no time, but the shows must go on

'Amateur theatricals have become an improbable victim of the Thatcherite years. Many societies have closed . . . if they aren't dying, they're all panting a bit'



Matthew Engel

fraught, in a particularly theatrical sort of way. First, there was the business with His Worship the Mayor, who was given the wrong date and turned up the previous Saturday night. Then the adjudicator fell ill and had to be replaced at the last moment

There was all that trouble with the police. Once they turned up en masse, sirens wailing, to investigate reports of an intruder over the road right in the middle of one of the plays. The effect was deafening. Then the front-of-house manager somehow picked up the emergency channel on her walkie-talkie. She was trying to shout "Go, go, go" to get the next production onstage; heaven knows what happened next, but an awful lot of police cars seemed to think they



Morven Ray, left, and Joyce Johnson of the Croydon Operatic and Dramatic Society backstage PHOTOGRAPH KIPPA MATTHEW

vere being directed to an incldent at Addiscombe. Next thing, the lighting went temperamental. And at 6.58 on Saturday night, two minutes before curtain up on one of the biggest nights of the South London amateur dra-matic calendar, some jobsworth from the London Borough of Croydon said the furniture on stage was blocking a fire exit and would have to be shifted. This does not happen to Trevor Nunn.

But it was all right on the night. And the grand finale of the 50th Annual Drama Festival of the Croydon & District Theatre Guild, at the Stanley Concert Hall, South Norwood ed off with very few hitches. Even the mayor "Bless him, he's a sweet man," said guild secretary Barbara Barnes) gamely turned up a second time and made a graceful speech before presenting the prizes on this jubilee occasion.

Actually, it was not entirely all right, because in this corner of the theatrical world things rarely are these days. The Croydon event is part of the All-England Drama Festival, a cross between tradiand the FA Cup. The winning play here is meant to go through to the divisional finals and then — perhaps — to the area finals, the English final and the British final. And the winners of that often get

invited to take their production to places like Dublin and Delhi. Today South Norwood,

tomorrow the world. But things are not what they were. Several of this year's preliminary rounds have had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. The Croydon Festival used to last all week with a matinee on Saturdays. and the Stanley Hall would be sold out. This year there were just nine entries, taking only three days; and even on Satur-

day night there were barely a hundred people present. If any one of them was unconnected with one of the plays, it could only have been the old gent sitting behind me. "Can't hear a thing," he grumbled, "Pity I came. Didn't want to come." There are the makings of a

crisis out of this drama. Ama-teur theatricals, with their vague associations in the wider public mind of comfy suburbia, harmless incompetence and genteel adultery. have become one of the most improbable victims of the Thatcherite years. Official funding has almost dried up; enthusiasts now have little spare cash themselves to fund their hobby, and many people are so work-oriented that they are getting home far too late and knackered to contemplate reekday rehearsals. The problems are worst in the Southeast but the phenomenon is nationwide. Many societies have closed; others have been forced to cut back. If they

aren't dying, as someone put it to me, they're all panting a bit.
"Groups concentrate on the revenue-raising aspects," said Simon Mendes, chairman of the All-England Festival. Now it's the Christmas panto, the summer play in the park. People can't afford to put on festival work. It costs a lot of money to go forward into the later rounds and travel."

disqualified. The best thing was that the

"We have to think how ve're going to make money the whole time," said Chris Bowers, director of one of the Croydon plays. "You could just charge people £50 a time to take part, but then you'd end Chester-Willis, the drama up with something like Mar-go's Music Society in The Good Life." Paid actors have always looked down on the amateurs and attitudes have hardened now Equity has lost some of its

grip, and producers have been able to give work to non-mem-bers. The amateurs try to be snotty in return. Journalists traditionally go along with the professionals. Many reporters' only real battle for press freedom is their youthful attempts to sneak snide comments about

small-town thespians into their local weekly's deliberately bland drama column. There will be no snideness here. Everyone at this festival felt that standards had risen. Hardly anyone needed a prompt. Most of the actors were able to generate humour and pathos quite skilfully. And if some rushed their lines as if it were a race, well, in a

way it was. All the plays are one act, and if any overrun or underrun the adjudicator must deduct marks, Anything over 55 minutes would be

stars in Croydon were people who may have a golden future comewhere, whether or not it is Shaftesbury Avenue rather than South Norwood. Joan tutor roped in at the last min-ute to adjudicate, was kindly and constructive about everyone. She named as the week's best adult performer Anya Sayadian, who in best Holly-wood fashion is waitressing at Pizza Hut while hoping for a

chance at drama school. The winning production was a wistful little two-hander called Bar and Ger by Geraldine Aron, performed by two very gifted teenagers, Anna Seymour and David Godwin, and put on by the Miller Cen-tre Youth Workshop from Caterham. Under some techni-cality, they are barred from the next round because Cate ham is outside the Croydon catchment area. Amid the hugging and kissing, laughter and tears that greeted the announcement, this was a bit of a downer. "I'm not particularly happy about it," said David Wright, Miller Centre direc-tor, "but at this moment I'm just far too pleased to worry. He was being remarkably untheatrical.

 This is the first in a new series of Monday sketches in which Matthew Engel and other Guardian writers look at life beyond Westminster.

Adams treads lightly in Big **Apple**

lan Katz reports from New York

ERRY Adams had to choose his words care-fully. The Strin Fein leader sympathised with the victims but could not con-

them.
It was a familiar position. except that this time the vic tims were not the targets of IRA bombs but Irish-Ameri can gays and lesbians ex-cluded from New York's huge

St Patrick's Day parade.
"Sinn Fein believes in pluralism and a notion of Irishness which is inclusive," de-clared Mr Adams in a statement about the annual controversy. He wanted the issue "resolved to the satisfaction of all and in a manner which accords to everyone the respect which is our due". When he came to the United

States in triumph a year ago. Mr Adams is understood to have avoided the parade, the showpiece event of the Irish-American calendar, because of the organisers' refusal to allow a gay and lesbian Irish group to participate.

But this time the circumstances were very different. Denied a White House handshake, Mr Adams badly needed a show of support from Irish America to strengthen his hand in his dealings with the IRA militants.

That is exactly what he got as he marched the two-mile route lined by an estimated two million shamrock-touting Marching behind the ban-ner of the United Irish Counties Association, Mr Ad-

ams strode down Fifth Avenue a respectable distance from local bigwigs including Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and New York senator Alfonse d'Amato, who observed mem-orably that "on St Patrick's

The Sinn Fein leader drew louder cheers than anyone in the 200,000-strong parade. Almost as soon as he swung out of 44th Street to the strains of The Minested Peur there were



Gerry Adams gives a thumbs-up salute as he marches in the St Patrick's Day parade in New York PHOTOGRAPH, JOE TABACCA

ping street met surprisingly note of dissent: "He stands for little resistance in a city where the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, was barred from an should have been allowed in might have hoped.

Although Mr Adams had to endure the official frostiness of the Climton administration official function long after he had made peace with Israel. "This is America." Steve Drake, a teacher aged 46 from

the country, let alone in the

Earlier, Mr Adams had attended mass at St Patrick's cathedral where the city's prelate, Cardinal John O'Con-nor, cracked: 'What a remarkable sight. Four thou-

New York's smartest shop- | a technical writer, struck a | went off as successfully as he | with at the outset of all-party

or the Cimton administration
— and the sight of the Ulster
Unionist leader. David Trimble, celebrating St Patrick's
Day at the White House — he
received an effusive reception from Irish-Americans.

David Sharrock, Ireland Correspondent, adds: Unionists

talks in June.
The Northern Ireland

consultation paper, entitled "ground rules for substantive all-party negotiations", which the Ulster Unionists denounced after it was leaked in Dublin on Friday.

The document, while heavily qualified, does appear to indicate that the two govof 44th Street to the strains of The Minstrel Boy, there were shouts of "Ger-eee".

Mr Adams's decision to march in the parade along Michigan agreed: "He's doing the best he can with the English. It's the English who are holding it up."

Only John George, aged 29, difficult six-day visit that making signt rout unor respondent, usus. Only wasterday, warned John Major not to soften any further on their requirement that the land yesterday at the end of a disposal of paramilitary would be required to dispose difficult six-day visit that weapons be seriously dealt of some of their weaponry.

Police shun calls to ditch CS spray after man dies

Gary Younge

OLICE will continue to use CS spray, they insisted yesterday, despite calls for its suspension from MPs, civil liberty groups and anti-racist organisations following the death of a Ghanaian-born asylum seeker early on Satur-

day morning. Ibrahima Sey, aged 29, died after he was sprayed with the incapacitant, in the first case of its kind. Neighbours say about 10 officers overpowered Mr Sey following a domestic disturbance at his home in

llford, Essex After a struggle the police handcuffed him and put him into a police van around 5am. He was taken first to liford police station and then to King George's hospital in liford where he was later pronounced dead.

There is no evidence to suggest the CS spray contrib-uted to this tragic death. There are no plans to suspend use of this spray, which has been used on more than 20 ocaware of any cases of long-term adverse reactions," said a spokesman for the Associa-tion of Chief Police Officers. But Tony Banks, Labour MP for neighbouring New-ham North West, said it might be some time until the exact circumstances of Mr Sey's death become known. "It would be sensible to sus-pend use of this spray until an absolute exact cause of death is established and CS

A post-mortem examination carried out by three patholo-gists — representing the coro-ner, the Police Federation and the Metropolitan Police - indicated that Mr Sey suffered from hypertensive heart

disease and had collapsed following a period of exertion. But a spokesman from the Police Complaints Authority, to which the case has been referred, said yesterday: "We can't be absolutely sure of this until we have the results of the toxicology tests, which should show whether the gas contributed to Mr Sey's death. We must also examine whether the use of the spray in this instance was appropri ate." The investigation will be headed by the assistant chief constable of Hertford-

shire, Frank Williamson. The spray was issued to



hypertensive heart disease

more than 2,000 officers in 16 Wales this month for a sixmonth trial. One police inspector is suing for compen-sation after suffering burns to his eyes during a CS gas test

who claims he suffered a skin complaint after being sprayed in Wales has also lodged a formal complaint.

John Wadham, director of

the civil rights group Liberty, called on the police and the Home Office to end the trials. publish information about the dangers and set up a public inquiry into the death of black people in custody.

His demand follows criticism from a United Nations committee over Britain's record of investigating deaths in custody, particularly involving black and Irish people. "Current mechanisms for investigating deaths are deficient. They are often investigated by police them-selves," it said. Mr Sey is the fourth black man to die in

just over a year. Lee Jasper, of the anti-rac-ist National Black Caucus, said: "This will inevitably battered relationship between the black community and the in Northampton last summer, which led to trials being temporarily postponed. A man public inquiry held."

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Pinter's nylon-clad Nemesis homes in on Hackney with unhackneyed feminist vigour

First night

Michael Billington The Homecoming

Leicester Haymarket OW much room for manoeuvre is there in Harold Pinter? Quite a lot. as Ben Barnes's new production impressively proves. As in his fine 1994 Dublin production of Betrayal, Barnes escapes the imposing memory of

out destroying the play's

The biggest shock is Frank Flood's set. We are used to seeing this play. with its image of territorial and sexual battles in the north London jungle, taking place in a bleakly cavernous room. Here, however, we are confronted by a black-walled Art Deco bouse with double fronted door, curved windows and

frosted glass panels. But the set offers a vital clue to Barnes's reading, which is that, even before

Teddy and his wife, Ruth, arrive for their unexpected

homecoming, a crucial battle has taken place. Max, the foul-mouthed, patriarchal ex-butcher, may bluster and rage, but the roost is decisively ruled by his son Lenny. As played by Jonathan Oliver, Lenny is a brutal, sardonic pimp who has clearly imposed his taste on the decor as well as the moral climate.

It is an intriguing idea, but accords with the central dynamic of Pinter's play, which shows Ruth's ruthless takeover; as so often in

Shedding the stock image of Ruth as a nylon-clad enigma, Julia Lane plays her — very well — as a cun-ning, working-class strategist who arrives as Teddy's unknown wife, verbally outpoints Lenny, mesmerises his brother Joey and coolly withstands Max's

blistering insults. By the end, when she ascends to Max's throne in a flame-coloured dress, she has assumed total sexual and economic control; and

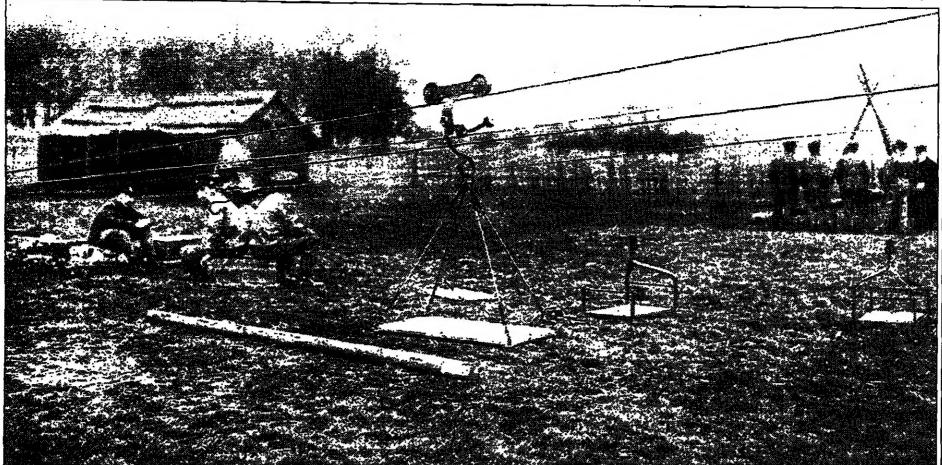
Pinter's plays, women have a power and resilience denied to men.

if she is to go on the game, which is by no means certain, you feel it will be entirely on her own terms. Not all the details in Barnes's reading quite add up. The smart set under-

mines Pinter's point that Ruth prefers Hackney's rough vitality to sterile American academia. And Lenny, who at the end should be left impotently watching, here squats rather cosily on the back of Ruth's chair. But Barnes is true to the play's visceral linguistic power and comes up with some original vi-

sual touches: where Hall, at the start of Act Two, showe the men wreathed in cigar smoke, Barnes confronts us

with four cigars glowing ominously in the dark.
Everything, in fact, has been keenly rethought. George Sewell's Max uses vituperative rancour to mask the fact that he is no longer king of the castle. Only Andrew Rattenbury as Teddy misses some of the character's vicious detachment. But Barnes gives us a new perspective on Pinter's masterpiece without sacrificing its implicit feminism.



Lost in time, H.G. Wells's secret life-saver



Gwen North, of the H.G. Wells Society, with lost treasures PHOTOGRAPH, E. HAMILTON WEST

LOST secret invention by the author H.G. Wells, revealed to have saved thousands of soldiers' lives in the first world war, is to be seen in public for the first time.

A scale model of Wells's "telpherage" or aerial rope-way system, used for delivering ammunition to the trenches, will be part of a museum which the H.G. Wells Society yesterday announced it plans to create at his birthplace in Bromley, Kent.

The invention will stand be-side models of his imaginary time machine and of his "land ironclad", a forerunner of the tank — outlined in 1903.

The ropeway design -which he handed to Winston of munitions, over lunch was his only invention to be realised. But Wells died in 1946 without knowing this. "The tin hats didn't like it."

he wrote dejectedly. Wells attended an early test of the design at Richmond, but heard nothing more. A 151-page Internal War Office report written in 1919, describ-ing its development and successful use on the Western Front, was withheld from him, his family and later scholars under the 50-year rule and later destroyed in the Blitz. The truth has come to light thanks to 20 years of detective work by a member of the H.G. Wells society executive. Gwen North. Researching in the Public Records Office at



H.G. Wells — writer and, unknown to him, inventor

copy of the official report had

been misfiled among air force

Wells's book Experiment in Autobiography tells how he

thought of the ropeway in bed

in London after returning

from a tour of the trenches.

He had been appailed to see soldiers loaded with ammuni-

tion boxes floundering through waterlogged trenches

"I knew men often drowned

and that everyone who got to the front line arrived nearly

planning a mobile telpherage system," he wrote. The War Office report dis-

closes that the petrol-driven ropeway was tested secretly in Purfleet and London in 1917,

under heavy fire.

☐ Herbert George Wells was born in Bromley in

World of words

1866, the son of a profes-sional cricketer. He was an apprentice

draper, science student and then teacher. ☐ His first successful book was The Time Machine (1895). Along with The War Of The Worlds (1898) it was among the pioneers in the

genre of science fiction.

□ Besides novels, Wells
also wrote books predicting the future — about which he was boundlessly optimistic — and tomes on politics.

warfare department and used in several campaigns before

the war ended, including one

1.500 to 2.000 soldiers had

under the old back-packing system — "to say nothing of the saving of life".

Mrs North clinched her

research, which is so far chronicled only in the 190-

worn out. Suddenly I saw that member H.G. Wells Society's raise £300,000 and is applying this was an entirely avoidable strain. I tumbled out of bed and spent the rest of the night

of the last battles at Ypres.

☐ He joined the Fabians and was a committed socialist. In the 1930s, he met Roo-sevelt and Stalin.

☐ Married young, to his cousin, he became a legendary philanderer and "free love" was an important par of his world view. His most amous mistress was the writer Rebecca West, with whom he had a son, the writer Anthony West.

The second world war ex tinguished his optimism about the future and be died in 1946, in despair at the

today who owe their exis-

tence to this invention. How

wonderful if Wells could have

very depressed in old age be-cause he thought he had not done enough good in the

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Bosnian girl flies to UK

Paralysed

URMIJA Mujic, the 12-year-old Bosnian girl paralysed by shrapnel whose plight was described last month in the Guardian, was evacuated yesterday for treatment in Britain with the help aged 7, with a congenital abof donations from Guardian

in the spine last year during the siege of Srebrenica, will receive therapy from a specialist centre in Oswestry. which doctors expect to save her life and help her walk Bosnian children were evacu ated with her for essential medical care unavailable in their own devastated country

All five children and their families left Sarajevo yester

bound for Croatia.

They will apply for British visas today in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, and are due to arrive in London tomorrow. They were accompanied by Sergeant-Major Vic Ferguson,

the British soldier serving with the Nato Rapid Reaction voted most of his spare time to helping Hurmija and other sick Bosnian children. He said the Guardian

article on February 6 triggered hundreds of private do-nations and British govern-

Readers of the Sun also con-tributed. In total, be has raised £25,000 — more than enough for Hurmija's immediate medical needs. The excess will go towards helping the other children, who are being funded by Lions Club International.

"Hurmija keeps asking me: Are we really going? Are we really going? She can't believe it's really going to hap-

pen. And I'm surprised it's happened so quickly," said Sgt-Maj Ferguson. "Some-The children travelling with Hurmija are Adnan Co-sic a 17-month-old haby and

normality in his urinary tract, and Ivo Susac, also aged 7, with intractable epilepsy. Hurmija will be treated in the Oswestry Orthopaedic and Spinal Unit, where she will be fitted with a gait orth-

osis to support her spine.
"Without proper support,
the spine twists sideways and crushes the lungs, causing slow respiratory failure. That's how most of these children die," said Dr David Southall, who runs Child Advocacy International (CAI), a British-based aid agency.

The other children will be sent to specialist care centres

around Britain.
The British government confirmed over the weekend that it will evacuate two more children, a boy aged 9 with leukaemia and a boy aged 5 with non-Hodgkin's lym-phoma. Both will almost certainly die if they do not receive emergency treatment. CAI estimates that 500 children will be born with severe congenital problems or develop serious illnesses over the next two years, on top of

more than 1,000 existing cases of sick children dying in iso-lated parts of Bosnia. The United Nations refugee agency stopped its medical evacuation programme after the December peace agree-ment. But Dr Southall argued that evacuations will still be needed in the next few years while the country's health

ented by the army's trench | liam Tilley, a veteran who Croat-Serb alliance revealed saw the ropeway in action. She said: "People are alive

THE Croats and the Serbs buses carrying 800 Muslims from east Mostar through have been lighting in a shady Croat territory to visit ancesbackstage alliance to carve up Bosnia at the Muslims' ex-pense, details of which the Guardian reveals today, writes Ed Vulliamy.

The discoveries could threaten the Dayton peace plan and shake the fragile Muslim-Croat Federation to

Yesterday a Nato escort had

tral grave sites after Croats had blockaded the road to their supposed allies.

Confessions by a Bosnian Serb general, held on war crimes charges in The Hague, reveal, among other things, that Croatia sold the Yugoslav and Bosnian Serb armies

to accompany a convoy of Supping with the devil, page 6

Britain to discuss landmine | EU fisheries chief tells Cornish policy after US hints at ban

US Arms Control and Diser-

mament Agency which said that there were some 100 mil-

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SENIOR British officials from the Cabinet Office and Ministry of Defence will fly to Washington this week to discuss a possible ban on landmines which is being weighed by the Pentagon.

Britain is faced with international isolation after Amer-ica's top general decided that landmines are becoming mor-ally indefensible, and the US should join other Nato allies in reassessing their defence of the anti-personnel device as a legitimate weapon. General John Shalikash-

vili, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, has ordered a full review of the US policy, spurred on by the prospect of US military casualties from the thickly strewn minefields of Bosnia His own inclina-tion, Gen Shahkashvili told fellow commanders, was to ban the things outright.

With that statement, the top US military officer joined those accused last October by British Foreign Office minister David Davis of "sacrific mentation of the strateing the effectiveness of our arms treaties with Russia. armed forces on the altar of

political correctness". Ambassador Madeleine Albright, just back from a trip | tional Red Cross decided last to Angola, where tens of thousands of people have been and are still being crippled by mines, warned that the curren: US policy would not lead to the announced goal of elimmating landmines "within all

She cited a report from the | bique, Vietnam and Somalia.

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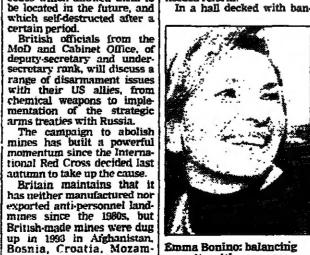
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ACALL for Europe-wide talks to reform the Comwounding 600 people a month, with another 2 million being mon Fisheries Policy was ssued by the European fisheries commissioner. Emma Bonino, when she visited fishclearing in places such as Angola, Cambodia, Somalia ing communities in the South-west yesterday.

Mrs Bonino was left in no

and the Balkans, remove perhaps 100,000 mines a year. Britain has stood squarely with the former US position. doubt about the region's un-happiness with European fishing regulations, and the that mines were dreadful weapons, but for the moment bitterness felt towards Brussels over quotas and "quotahopping", under which for-eign-owned vessels registered in Britain can fish against still had their place. The US and Britain had agreed at the Weaponry Convention Review British quotas. But she de-fused much of the hostility by Comerence in Vienna that it made sense to proceed with developing "smart" mines, acknowledging that the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) needed reform. codes which allowed them to

In a hall decked with ban-



ners reading "Save Britain's Fish", Mrs Bonino told Bris-ham fishermen: "I don't think the CFP is perfect. I think there is scope to improve it." Withdrawing was a matter for the people of Britain and its government. But she added: "I strongly believe it is better to improve the existing policy. My goal is to find an equilibrium between fishing

capacity and fishing

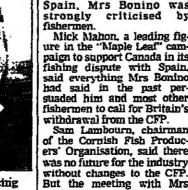
Jim Portus, chief executive of the South-West Fish Pro-ducers Organisation, said British fishermen and Brit ish people and our elected officials in Parliament are not going to lie belly up like a dead cod while Brussels takes over our rich fisheries resources and creates a Euro pean fishing fleet which would inevitably be Spanish in the South-west and Dutch

in the North Sea." On the quayside in Newlyn, where feelings still run high after the "tuna wars" with Spain, Mrs Bonino was strongly criticised by

Mick Mahon, a leading fig-ure in the "Maple Leaf" cam-paign to support Canada in its fishing dispute with Spain, said everything Mrs Bonino had said in the past per-suaded him and most other fishermen to call for Britain's withdrawal from the CFP. Sam Lambourn, chairman

Bonino had given him hope.

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Attack on Tory shooting lobby, and the licensing system that 'rubber stamped' the renewal for Dunblane killer

Mellor calls for MPs to back ban on handguns

Rebecca Smithers on ex-minister's plea

HE former Home Office minister, David Mellor, is urging MPs from all parties to back him in pressing for a ban on handguns, claiming that the opportunity was missed after the Hungerford massacre when legislation was watered down by the powerful pro-guns lobby.

In a strong attack on fellow Conservatives in the small but well-organised proguns faction, he said it was essential that MPs and the public were not swayed by

He also strongly criticised the licensing system, which, as in the case of Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane killer, virtually rubber stamps licence renewals. Only 1 per cent of applications were constable of Greater Manchester, John Stalker, writing in the Observer yesterday, called for the length of the licence period to be reviewed. It was no longer good enough for renewals "simply to be rubber-stamped every five years". He also called for an for an independent licensing authority to allow details

handguns. But the Tory MP, Michael said it would be better if Par

and captain of the House of Commons shooting eight, added: "The differentiation being made between rifles, shotguns and handguns is a

He was a Home Office minister at the time of the 1987 Hungerford tragedy when Michael Ryan gunned down 16 people. Mr Mellor admitted yesterday that "politicians are not always as strong as they should be; they follow the path of least resistance". Politicians had allowed the predominantly Conservative proguns lobby to dilute what had been relatively modest legislation banning the use of self-loading and burst-fire

Although Hamilton might not have appeared to be "self-evidently" a killer, media reports had indicated that it was known that he was "an awful misfit ... who should not have been allowed within a million miles of a gun. The a minion miles of a gunt. The point is that somebody has got something to answer for on that — someone complacently permitted him to renew his licence." With most MPs still reluctant to declare publicly their views until a respectable interval after the tragedy, the Scottish Labour MP. George Foulkes, said he thought there was a "growing tide" in favour of outlawing

Colvin, warned against "knee-jerk" reactions, and liament considered legislation to ensure handguns were kept on gun club premises. Mr Colvin, a shotgun owner

garbage." The anger people felt now should be "bottled bit academic because you can saw off a shotgun and have a gun clubs busting out and Strathclyde police refused killing innocent people. If it to comment last night on a happens a third time. God hews of the World report that help Parliament and any government that hasn't taken the help Parliament and any gov-ernment that hasn't taken the Mr Mellor is seeking the ban either through a private member's bill — which with government backing would go who told the paper that Ham-ilton used an Edinburgh hos-

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Mourners leaving Dumblane cathedral after yesterday's service (top), while those unable to get inside the crowded church shared their sorrow in the cemetery, above. Police on duty at Dumblane primary school shed tears as they observed the minute's silence

frightening moments in a school gymnasium, God's heart was the first of all our hearts to break'

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--- Rev Colin McIntosh in Dunblane cathedral

'The Christian response to such tragedy is not silence, but rather fervent prayer to God for the victims, their families. the community and our society?

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Anderson, Scottish Evangelical Alliance

Media told to let victims' families mourn in peace | Queen and country silent in mourning

SCOTTISH police have Sissued stern warnings to the press against intruding on the privacy of Dunblane families as the first of the victims' funerals are held

Superintendent Louis Munn, the Strathclyde press officer acting for Central Region police, said at the weekend that public feeling was torning against stepped the mark.

said in a statement to all

news organisations.
"Please be advised that if contact with the victims' families does not stop forth-with, I will take up the matter personally at the high-est levels."

Lord Wakeham, chair-

informed personally by man of the Press Comfamilies that this intrusion plaints Commission, yesteries continuing unabated." he day appealed to the media plaints Commission, yester-day appealed to the media to reduce the scale of their presence in Dunblane. Several hundred journalists from all over the world have descended on the town

in the past week.

Coverage of the funerals, which take place until Thursday, is being strictly controlled on a pooled information basis. There will be no media facilities at the cemeteries or the crema-

continued from page 1 mon humanity." he specu-lated. In the south wall of the 13th century cathedral, a window shows the meeting of a mother and child in heaven. Mr McIntosh's only allu-sion to the madman who killed the pupils and their teacher came in a defence of divine will. "Nothing angers me so much as our failure sometimes to get it through our heads that God doesn't go

Royal arrived from Turn-house airport three hours after the 80-minute service. They were introduced to Mr McIntosh, to members of the around with his finger on the trigger." he said. "In those

emergency services, and to teaching staff. Some bereaved parents were also at the som-bre reception.

heart was the first of all our hearts to break."

The Queen and the Princes

a school gymnasium, God's | them to know how to behave. Politeness demanded a cer-tain enthusiasm, but enthusistances. Most people settled for a terse smile.

The eight children still in hospital are improving. The classmates take place today. Abigail McLennan and Kevin Hasell will be buried this afternoon at St Blane's, Dun-Afterwards, in the tiny blane. Joanna Ross and town square, the Queen was Emma Crozier will be buried greeted by several hundred two miles away at Lepcroft

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to be logged — something the police did not have time to do.

Mr Mellor said on BBC Radio Four's The World This

Weekend: "When the public has forgotten the horror of

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'Giveaway' privatisation of 60,000 homes on military estates will damage private market, say critics

MoD hits its lowest paid

David Hencke

HE LOWEST paid armed forces families are to lose half their staged pay rise in a ''double whammy" of rent increases and privatisation, the Ministry of Defence has admitted in a series of answers to Labour

MPs.

Bids of between £1.5 billion to £2 billion are expected for the entire housing stock of about 60,000 homes in Eng-land and Wales. At least 25 companies and consortia are thought to have indicated an interest in the 800 sites, ranging from homes in highly desirable areas such as Westminster, Kensington and Mill Hill in London, to large es-tates in garrison and naval

Critics warn that the deal | rent rises of up to 25 per cent | the sale of estate, being | are the ones who will suffer ould damage the private | but will still pay only £30 a | handled by NatWest Markets. | the most. could damage the private housing market and renege on promises to the homeless. Opposition MPs have at-tacked the package as a give-away and some backbench Tories are also thought to be unhappy at the planned dismost married quarters.

At the same time, the lowest paid privates, aircrafts-men and naval ratings, will find half their average £30 a month pay rise before tax taken away in rent increases in April and December. Rents on houses in good condition which have been heavily sub-sidised are to rise from £16 to around £20 — an increase of 25 per cent.

Lieutenant colonels, wing commanders, majors, group captains and captains — who week for the most expensive homes owned by the MoD.

The size of the rent increases are hidden in the small print of the armed forces pay review and were confirmed by ministers to

'It looks like the lowest ranks are the ones who will suffer the most'

fence spokesman and John Spellar, MP for Warley West. The rises look certain to be only the first of a series over 25 years according to the in-formation released by the ministry in the prospectus for

David Clark, Labour's de-

Most homes are post war. "It also suggests the Minis-

two and three-bedroom semitry of Defence's housing plans are in a state of chaos because Flats, maisonettes, large demoney through privatisation. tached houses, community centres, sports fields and play lf you are clever you don't sell at the bottom of the market. The prospectus reveals that

sidy to the private owners but will cut the subsidy every There will be year. Rents are planned to rise above the inflation rate problems with for 25 years — until the ranks and officers are paying the full market rate for homes other people trying to sell their homes' about four or five times the

Mr Clark said yesterday: Llin Golding, Labour MP "The Government's underfor Newcastle-under-Lyme, hand way it has released this Staffordshire and chairreveals once again that they are very adept at giving with one hand and taking away with another. Once again it looks like the lowest ranks giveaway. "If you suddenly tax cuts.

market, there will be prob-lems with other people trying to sell their homes."

The ministry said that it had a long term aim to phase out rent subsidies. The inde pendent pay review body has also made sure that no rent rises will exceed the total pay

Bob Lawrence, chief executive of the Empty Homes Agency, a government-sup-ported organisation, said the 1992 Tory manifesto had promised to use empty homes to cut council waiting lists and to sell or let them to those in most housing need.

Housing associations will be nervous about the prospect of acquiring the homes. They woman of the all-party parlia-mentary group on homeless-ness and housing need, said the deal threatened to be a

News in brief

Hunt for bombers moves to Ulster

DETECTIVES hunting the IRA's Canary Wharf bombers are expected to travel to Northern Ireland this week. Commander John Grieve, head of the anti-terrorist branch, is to meet with sonio Prieve, nead of the anti-terrorist ordinar, is to meet with senior Royal Ulster Constabulary officers trying to trace the movements of the lorry used to transport the 1,000lb bomb. Police believe the flat-backed transporter was modified somewhere in the border region of South Armagh, but security

sources in Belfast said yesterday that the terror ist team responsible had not been identified. Two men were killed and another O people injured in the blast in Docklands, east London, on

Woman kills sons then herself

MAN who came home to find his wife had killed their two sons and then killed herself was being comforted by his family in south Wales last night. Isabelle Williams, aged 41. stabbed Stefan, aged the state of the s

Her husband Haydn, a 42-year-old accountant, arrived back at the family house in Swindon, Wiltshire, on Friday evening to discover police already there, Inquests will be held.

Fishermen's bodies found

THE bodies of two men who went out in a 17ft dinghy to spend the night fishing off Anglesey were found yesterday near the port of Caernarion, Gwynedd.

The first body, that of Carl Griffiths, aged 24, was found on a beach by coastguards, together with the upturned boat. Then a relative reported two fishermen overdue, and a search began. An RAF helicopter spotted the second body, that of Gwilym Roberts. ged 30. in shallow water. Both men were from Caenarfon.

Drugs campaign pays off

A CAMPAIGN urging young people to inform on drug dealers has been halled as "an outstanding success". The Crimestoppers organisation said yesterday that since its SNAP — Say No And Phone - drive launched last October there have been 6,818 positive calls about drugs alone, a 71 per cent increase.

Over the period there have been 867 arrests for drugs-related crime, and drugs worth £1.8 million have been seized.

Boys make mothers wait

EXPECTANT mothers carrying sons have to wait longer for labour to begin — but once the delivery gets under way boys are quick movers, a survey indicates today.

One in three new mothers says her son was born at 41 to 42 weeks, compared to an average of 39 weeks, according to SHE magazine's Having A Baby. But sons take an average of nine hours to enter the world compared with nearly 10 hours for girls. The magazine questioned more than 1,000 new mothers.

Boom in South Africa holidays

MORE than 209,000 Britions visited South Africa in 1995 - a 52 per cent increase on 1994, according to the South African tourist

One of the new UK-South Africa travel links has been the emergence of Bluebird Express charter flights. In addition, South African Airways now operates 12 scheduled flights a week to South Africa from Heathrow.

57 share lottery jackpot

SATURDAY'S \$8.3 million National Lottery jackpot was split between 57 winners — the second highest total in the game's numbers were 2, 12, 19, 28, 38, 48, and the bonus ball was 45.

Multilingual, touch-screen successor to police 'TARDIS'

detached or terraced home

the MoD will give a rent sub

areas are also up for sale.



criticism that it is The once familiar police box and, right, its hi-tech replacement which will begin trials soon in London and Scotland

'Loyalty' bar limits Irish in **Civil Service**

Home Affairs Editor

RISH and Commonwealth citizens are to be banned from applying for up to 125,000 civil service jobs from June as a result of a cabinet decision to eradicate the anomalies" in a European Union labour market

The posts, which cover a quarter of the home Civil Service, have been defined by the 'special allegiance to the state" and so should be reserved only for UK

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The decision is likely to provoke a wave of criticism, particularly from the Irish in Britain — including the Civil Service — and has full

voting rights. The jobs covered include of seizure : those involved in-"international negotiations" for government departments discriminatory.

other than the Foreign Office; judicial appointments; and policy advisers' posts in the security-sensitive posts in the security-sensitive posts in

The Cabinet Office confirmed yesterday that the pro-hibition will come into effect dures and are not open to from June, but said it would | non-British citizens.

not affect Irish Republic or Commonwealth citizens who were already working in these sensitive jobs on May

ployment minister, has told the Commons that the change is needed to address "certain anomalies" which had arisen after British law was amended three years ago to allow other EU nationals to apply for certain Civil Service

But while they were allowed to apply for some Civil Service jobs, Germans, French and other EU nationals were banned from apply inc for the 25 per cent of posts designated as needing "special allegiance to the state". The EC (Employment community which has long in the Civil Service) Order enjoyed the freedom to work 1991 allowed each member state to reserve core jobs in its national civil service for its own citizens.

The Cabinet Office insisted army, police and other posts that only a "minimal num-which involve exercising "the ber" of people would be dipower of arrest, entry, search | rectly affected. But the change is bound to

Whitehall and the armed forces which are already sub-

Drought-hit water firm looks to Channel tunnel pipeline

accompany is negotiating to tion plant on the Kent coast use an emergency pipeline and even importing water by tanker from Norway. Com-

Folkestone and Dover Water Services hopes the tun-nel's fire hydrant can carry Euronamel, which owes water the 30 miles from Calas to join the public supply at the Eurotumnel terminal at Cheriton, near Folkestone,

three contingency plans de-vised by the company. A formight ago the com-pany imposed the nation's first hosepipe ban of the year. Last week company offi-

contingency.
They meet again on Wednesday to discuss the findings of a feasibility study. If it is deemed technically possible up to 440,000 gallons of water a day — 4 per cent of the company's output — could flow from France.

DROUGHT-HIT water ering setting up a desalineto import drinking water pany secretary Jim Lowe sald from France. yesterday: "We are defermined to maintain our sup-

Eurotumnel, which owes a consortium of 225 banks more than £8 billion, has welcomed the scheme. A spokesman said: "We are investigating this as a matter of urgency. instant access to the water supply, at full pressure, 24 hours a day for safety reasons. The effect of the scheme on this is being worked out very carefully.
There can be no compromise on safety." The water company, which has 60,000 domestic contractors in a subsidiary. neers to consider the tunnel tic customers, is a subsidiary of the huge French utilities firm Compagnie Générale des

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Y blue police box, made famous by Dr Who, disappeared from the streets, its hi-tech, multi-lingual, touch-screen replacement has arrived, writes Duncan

A prototype will be making its debut on the streets of east London in a few weeks. The new box is part of a project called ATTACH, the somewhat tortuous acronym for the Advanced TransEuropean Telematics Applications for Communications Help, which may not yet have quite the same frisson as Dr

media kiosk and will be in 10 languages.

/EARS after the familiar | placed at first in shopping attached to police stations.

The experiment will be part-funded by the European Commission and similar tests will be carried out simultaneously in Scot-land, Sweden, the Netherlands and Greece.

Gary Fitzpatrick, of the Metropolitan Police's department of technology, said: "Eventually it could driving licence or for paying a fine."

Initially the kiosks would tell people about what police services were avail-able, and other local infor-Who's TARDIS.

It is described as a multimation, the one in London

Police hunt for 'armed' boy after rifle shot hits car

A14-YEAR-OLD boy be-lieved to be armed with a haul of stolen guns and am-munition was at the centre of an extensive police search

Robert Crawley, described as dangerous and not to be ap-proached, disappeared from his home in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, on Friday. Thames Valley Police confirmed that a person fitting the description of the missing teenager opened fire at a passing car on Saturday after noon. They want to question the boy about the theft of a

night. Superintendent Roger Young said two high-powered 22 target rifles, two high-powered 22 pistols and an unknown quantity of ammuni-tion had been stolen in the burglary, close to the boy's home. Police were deeply concerned for his welfare.

cache of arms early on Friday

The youth was reported missing by his parents at jacket, 9.30am on Friday and police jeans.

stepped up the search following the shooting inci-dent on Saturday. Superintendent Young said:

"We are using a helicopter, police dogs and some armed officers have been deployed to the area. We appeal to anyone who may know where this boy is to contact us immediately and not to approach him. It is essential we trace him as soon as possible. We are most concerned for his

safety."
Superintendent Young confirmed that a youth matching
Robert's description had fired
a shot from a rifle which hit a
passing car in Welders Lane,
Chalfont St Peter at 3.30pm on Saturday. The window of the car was shattered but the driver, although badly

shaken, was not injured.

The missing schoolboy is described as white, 5ft 6in, of slim build with fair hair, a pale complexion and blue he was wearing a grey Adidas jumper with three stripes at the bottom, a black bomber jacket, with black boots and



Her eldest daughter overheard someone at school 'saying I was a slag who enjoyed sex and only reported things when they got a bit rough and did it for money.'

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Croats who supped with the devil

Ed Vulliamy in Jajce reveals how Croat commanders and gangsters conspired to supply fuel to the other side, even videotaping a mock battle to fool the outside world, in a betrayal of both their Muslim partners and their own troops



ended last year Muslim allies drove their common Serb enemy into retreat. cutting a swath across west rn Bosnia. The Muslim-Croat Federation, forged with United States backing, is a cornerstone of international

But the Federation is fraught with tensions, and the tails of a murky backstage alliance between the Croats and their supposed Serb enemy, designed to engineer a carveup on the ground. Bosnian Croat leaders, together with gangsters, were all the while dealing with — and even working for — the Serbian leadership in Belgrade. This secret alliance defles

the Federation and the basis of the Dayton agreement. Its discovery will also cut to the hearts of Muslims who trusted their Croatian partance with Serbia is an obscenity, as they mourn the wreckage of the Danube city of Vukovar and count the Croat victims of Serb concentration camps.

Croatia supplied the Bos nian Serb army with fuel throughout crucial phases of the war, long after the Federa tion was founded. Investigations show a Croat hardline *nce grise* in the Federa ion. Mladen Naletilic, to been an agent for the

Croatian soldiers reveal how Kresimir Zubak the federation president on whom the US relies to implement the Dayton accord — forged alliances with Serbs on the battlefield. A Croat commander-cum-gangster, in-dicted by The Hague war crimes tribunal for a massacre, emerges as the key link in a Serb-Croat axis.

The trail begins with General Djorde Djukic, the Serb logistics chief who fell into Bosnian government hands in the Guardian last month to be and of 1994" — nearly a year a Yugoslav army general in-

capture last month. Despite denials from his lawyers, he made statements about his involvement in the war, while under interrogation in Sarajevo and awaiting extradic-tion to Holland. These confessions detail a quid pro quo arrangement between his army and the Croats.

Bosnia's war was fought in the wake of a meeting be-tween Croatia's President Franjo Tudiman and Serbia's lobodan Milosevic in spring 1991 at Karadiordievo, Serbia. The agenda was the division of Bosnia into two "ethnically left", as Mr Tudiman later put it, for the Muslims.

The scheme disappeared in the fog of war. Even the Croat-Muslim war in 1993 was consigned to history by skilful US diplomacy and the Dayton accord. But on the ground, the Serbo-Croat Gen Diukic knew that an

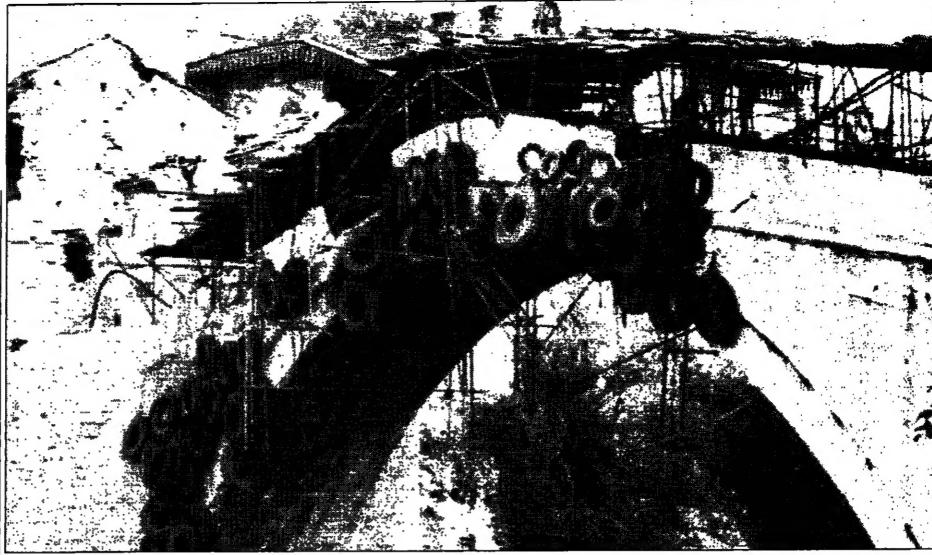
army marches on its petrol He said as much in the four he gave his captors on Febru signed, and the general affirms: "This statement coresponds to what I have said, and I accept it as my own. The

O MOVE his Yugo-slav tanks, troops, tions into and across Bosnia, Gen 900 tonnes of fuel a month. slavia and a supposed em-bargo by Yugoslavia on the Bosnian Serbs, Gen Djukic says he had "no problems beginning of 1995".

Supplies from Yugoslavia ad become unreliable by mid-1993. So, Gen Djukic says, ister. Vladimir Lukic, began negotiations with the Croats on his behalf. He was assured that "there wouldn't be any

Gen Diukic recalls meet ings with the Croats in the noman's land village of Rujan, near Grahovo. They were attended by the Serb defence minister. Susan Kovacevic. and the vice-president of the "Herzeg-Bosne" Croat state-let, Jadranko Prlic. Gen Djukic says fuel from

the Croatian port of Split was taken in 15-truck convoys. "escorted by the Croatian police" to be handed over at Rujan or Stolac, near Mostar. The deal "continued for January and was revealed in about 18 months ... until the



cemented with egg-white and goat hair, was blown up by Croat troops in 1993

pects", but sometimes the fuel was free, in return for "the transport of Croatian popula-tions" across Sash Ampulathe Croat-held town of Vares. There was a massacre on the Vares front, in the Mus-

lim village of Stupni Do, where a unit of the Bosnian Croat army (HVO) murdered 16 civilians. Its leader, Ivica Captain Rajic was a fam-

iliar and menacing figure in the hardline Croat town of Kiseljak. A former Yugoslav army captain, he had come to command the HVO's 2nd Operational Group. He was an impeccably anti-Serb Croat nationalist. But Gen Djukic recalls him in another role. "The continued transac-

tions over fuel were the result of contact between our intelligence officers ... and members of the HVO, the main on being a person called Capt Ra-jic from Kiseljak." Gen Dju-kic says Capt Rajic organised shipments of fuel, and the forced evacuation of the Vares Croats, with the chief of Serb intelligence, Colonel Petr Salapora.

Kiseljak thrived on Serbian business and held the keys to the black market in besieged Sarajevo. When the time came for the Muslim and Croat allies to try to break the siege in summer 1995, the HVO had private doubts.

Kiseljak was also the head-quarters of the United dicted by The Hague.

Contrary to all public statements, Gen Djukic broke

Muslim hostilities and the founding of the Federation.

Gen Djukic says he is "not tary communications reveal

sive by the HVO. The HVO was assigned to attack a key Serb stronghold. Kokoska. But a phone call on uty security commander, farko Lugonja, and an intermediary called Zdanko reveals a plan for the Serbs to et the Croats film a suppos victory on Serb territory to fool the international community and the Muslims". A Serb Major Bukva tells

Zdanko: "They [the Croats] are bringing their TV ... but make sure they come without their personal weapons. You must give them the weapons up there, without ammuni-tion, of course. Let them make a video film of the whole thing so it looks real."

To some Croat soldiers in with the Serb enemy was anathema. The men of the HVO's 110th Brigade fighting the neighbouring 111th Brigade at Zepce fighting alongside the Serbs.

The men, now back home in Jajce, recall the most extraor-On April 3 1993, the deputy president of "Herzeg-Bosne" now President Zubak) breezed across their front lines from Serb territory.

The Croats say President Zubak was holding meetings with General Major Momir Talic, the Serb commander in Banja Luka, and Colonel Vladimir Arsic of Prijedor — for-mer director of Manjaca concentration camp in which both Croats and Muslims

A Croat soldier called Darko P, from Blatnica, recalls Mr Zubak requesting his 110th Brigade to engage in "complementary action" with a Serb unit, "7-South", to secure a road. The brigade refused.

On August 5 1993, Mr Zubak again crossed into 110th bri side. He had met a Serb major, Mirko Slavuljica, to discuss bringing the two

respond to these allegations at his headquarters denied be favoured alliance with the

should withdraw from the region, leaving Serbs to sub-

furious response, after which Mr Zubak is reported to have

said: "Very well, do what you

like. But you are on your own, in a minority."

President Zubak declined to



and held the keys to the in besieged Sarajevo "I remember thinking I | Becirevic to put the "forgot

ten" war between Croats and Muslims out of her mind. She didn't understand the war any more," Darko says. "We fought the Chetniks; they remembers the day the HVO's killed our people in Jajce, and my brother at Kupres. Now it was like we were video game soldiers. These people had the joystick and were dealing with the Chetniks."
On August 9, Mr Zubak

"They came early in the morning with red ribbons on addressed a "Gathering of All their uniforms." Ms Becirevic Croats" from the Tesanj front. He told them the HVO into houses, throwing gre-

Kaznjenicke Bojne (Punishment Squad) came to her village.
Sovici is perched between
Tomislavgrad and Prozor.

lvica Rajic's hardline Croat town of Kiseljak thrived on Serbian business

nades. By evening, every house in the village was burned, many were killed and people had fled into the hills." She fied with her son Mirsad to Muslim Jablanica. Her account is borne out by a Croat prisoner in Jablanica Zielko Ivanovic, a member of the Punishment Squad. He told his Muslim captors that the squad commander was a powerful figure in "Herzeg-Bosne", Mladen Naletilic, known as "Tuta". Tuta became the HVO's head man in Croat Mostar,

scene of a ferocious siege against the Muslim quarter and of recent tensions in the Federation. On September 12 1993, he took 30 Muslim prisoners from the Croat camp at Rodoc, outside Mostar, to use as human shields on the front. Many were killed. There are several testimonies on Tuta's conduct in Mostar, including allegations that his soldiers violated Muslim

Tuta has unimpeachable Croat nationalist credentials. In exile in Australia and Germany, he campaigned against the Yugoslav regimes, both communist and Serbian nationalist. He was fundraiser for Hrvastsko Ognjiste (Croatian Hearth), a neo-Ustashe group nostalgic for the Nazi puppet regime. In 1990, he returned to Croatia, and then to Herzegovina on the eve of the Yugoslav onslaught. But Tuta was working for the

Yugoslavs. On September 18 1989, the SDB secret police in the then Socialist Republic of Bosnia sent a memo to Belgrade

headquarters (obtained by the Guardian) recommending "Operation Marlboro" — the recruitment of a new agent The candidate was Mr Naletilic, the owner of a casino restaurant at the resort of Bo-

densee. He had helped to shel-ter an Ustashe "terrorist" whom the memo accuses of killing a government official called Gazilje.

April 20 [1989], Mladen made ready to engage in close contact with our service in Germany and abroad, and will tell us all he knows about the for guarantees that he could one day return to his country

The memo, signed by the Sarajevo-based deputy head of the SDB, Sredoje gage Mladen Naletilic as a collaborator with our service. proved quality of information about the Ustashe emigrés in Germany and all over".

A paragraph attached to the

memo, signed and stamped by Petar Gracanin, President Milosevic's interior minister, says: "According to regula-tion 109 of the SDB rules, I have decided to initiate Operation Marlboro, to make close contact and to engage for col-laboration, Mladen Naletilic." side Capt Rajic's Kiseljak, Tu-

ta's fiefdom of Mostar and Stolac was the crucial junction for the joint endeavour of Croats and Serbs.

Despairing French police turn guns on themselves

Paul Webster in Paris

#ITH 14 police suicides recorded in France since the beginning of the year, extra welfare workers are being recruited and more belplines are being opened to try to stop the effects of widespread depression. There was already con-

cern last year when 39 policemen committed snitheir service revolvers. There are fears that the total could be double that in 1996 — a far higher rate than the national average - unless emergency measures are taken. There were two suicides

last week: a police lieuten-ant shot himself in Paris on Friday and a CRS riot squad member hanged himself in northern France on Saturday. Both incidents were prompted by familiar complaints of poor conditions, overwork and a feeling of being isolated by public opinion.

The French experience reflects high suicide rates among the RUC in Northern Ireland and the American police, where service revolvers are also used for most suicides. The sudden increase in police suicides in France, where every officer is armed, follows a period of intense pressure also includes reports of rac- rock concert, police said.

gramme was the heaviest for a long time because of Algerian Islamic bomb hostility. The biggest strain has

been in poor immigrant suburbs where there have week. This weekend, police fought running battles with gangs in the eastern city of Rheims, after a bus driver was shot at. Police were on 24-hour alert in several cities and high-rise estates. Both the Paris policeman

and the CRS man were on sick leave because of de-pression worsened by family problems — a typical cause of suicide, according to Jean-Louis Arajol, secretary-general of the uniformed police union, the SGP. A union spokesman, Guy Maurin, said officers with family problems often received no sympathy from

their superiors at work. The union installed an emergency helpline which has received hundreds of calls. A complaints register contains a wide variety of distress stories, many linked to contact with poverty and violence arising from economic recession. The complaints register

on uniformed police and ism and abuse by senior of-detectives. One West Indian colleagues sprayed air every time she entered. attacks and worker-student Other officers said they protests in which police were often the target of hostility. were persistently given me-nial guard duties as punish-ment, particularly during bomb scares.

The biggest problems arise in the Paris region, where most uniformed officers are brought in from the provinces because public contempt for police in the capital has made recruiting difficult. But 14,000 of the 24,000 in the region have asked to be sent back home.

"Many were drafted to violent suburbs around the police to be deployed since capital where their wives 1994's genocide. jected to systematic abuse or physical attack," Mr Maurin said.

Last week's suicides prompted the interior minstry to call a meeting with union leaders later this trained riot police fought vil week. So far, no one has called for a firearms review, but unions say much remains to be done if on Rwanda's genocide has a crisis is to be avoided. An off-duty New York policeman committed sui-cide by shooting himself in

the bead in a Times Square

theatre on Saturday,

wounding two women sit-

ting near him at a crowded

World news in brief

Papua separatists stay firm on hostages

SEPARATIST rebels holding in the world community," leaders of the Free Papua Movement (OPM) said in a letter published in the Kompas daily.

"We took the hostages with in a statement published in a Jakarta newspaper yesterday. But a military spokesman said a hostage released at the weekend had told authorities "We will hold the hostages until there is an acknowledge-ment from the government and

Rwanda gets

first 'bobbies'

WITH helmets, uniforms and batons supplied by Britain, Rwanda's own "bob-

bles" passed out yesterday in

A first group of 750 paraded

before officials and diplomats

outside their training school

The highlight of the gradua

tion ceremony was a mock

lagers who attacked them

The international tribunal

said it could start its first

trials at the end of May if de-

fence lawyers had time to pre-

pare. The tribunal's registrar, Andronico Adede, said it

hoped to begin the trials with

two Rwandans held in Zaire.

but defence lawyers had not

yet been appointed. — Reuter.

with stones and sticks.

demonstration when newly

in south-eastern Rwanda.

the aim of demanding an acknowledgement from the Indonesian government and the international world that there is a state of West Papua," Kelik Kwalik and Daniel Kogoya were quoted as saying. The letter, a written reply to ques-tions, was dated March 2.

tage, one of 26 people seized 8 at Mapunduma, Fourteen others had been released

earlier. captives — including Britons Daniel Start, Bill Oates, Anna McIvor and Annette van der Volk — were studying rare plants when they were

Nato troops rescue victims

as Sarajevo suburb burns NATO troops rescued tion under the Dayton peace people from burning pact.

buildings yesterday and de-tained a dozen men suspected of looting and arson in a lawless Serb-held suburb of Heavily-armed Italian sol-

diers marched the 12 suspects to the Bosnian Serb police station in Grbavica, which tomorrow becomes the last of five Serb areas handed over from one fire to another, to the Muslim-Crost federa- cuing civilians. — Reuter.

But there was no sign that the detentions had discouraged the arson, which Serb authorities have done nothing to stop. Workers for the UN High

Commissioner for Refugees said they had counted 22 fires in Grbavica yesterday after-noon. Italian troops went from one fire to another, res-

Saddam halts ear amputations

Husseln, has ordered an end to the practice of cutting off the ears of desert-ers and draft dodgers, the Iraqi News Agency

reported yesterday. The agency also said he have suff had ordered the release of tion. — AP.

RAQ'S leader, Saddam | hundreds of imprisoned deseriers and draft dodgers.

The decision may be linked to parliamentary elections next Sunday. Human rights monitors say thousands of Iraqis have suffered amputa-

Winnie seeks £3m payoff

Winnie Mandela is seeking about £3.2 million from her estranged husband President Nelson Mandela as her price for a divorce in a bitter feud which is due to go to court today - barring an 11th-hour out-of-court settlement, the City Post newspaper said

yesterday. It said Mrs Mandela was claiming half her husband's estate, including a share of royalties from his best-selling autobiography and his Nobel peace prize. — Reuter. **Bomb in Algiers**

A bomb explosion on Saturday at a rubbish tip in an Algiers suburb killed two people and wounded five, security

officials said. — Reuter. Hollywood racism

Reverend Jesse Jackson will attend next week's Oscars ceremony - to which he is not invited — to protest against Hollywood "racism", writes Christopher Reed in Los Angeles. There is only one African-American nominee for this vear's awards.

Voter apathy

Low voter turnout and the ab-sence of choice in Zimbabwe's weekend elections could damage President Robert Mugabe, who is assured of victory because both his rivals for the presidency withdrew before polling.—Reuter.

Russian take-off The latest version of Russia's unveiled yesterday at an air-field near Moscow where it will begin six months of air trials with Nasa participa-

Avalanche victims Rescuers in the Neelum Valley. Pakistani Kashmir, have found 17 bodies from an avalanche on Friday which is feared to have killed 32 people

and buried seven houses, gov-ernment officials said yester-Missing in action A lost camel returned to her

Kuwaiti owner — pregnant and in good health — five years after straying during the Iraqi occupation in the Gulf war. - Reuter.

Rape allegation Ten days after three American servicemen were con-victed of raping an Okinawa schoolgirl, police yesterday investigated another rape al-legedly committed by a for-eigner on the island.—AP.

Handle with care

A deputy mayor of the port of Toulon in southern France was critically injured yester-day when a hand grenade ex-ploded in his hands, police said. It was not immediately known why Mr Lopez was handling a grenade. - Reuter.

Ferry disaster

Fifty passengers were feared drowned when a ferry sank in Nohadihing river in the north-eastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh yester-The latest version of Russia's day, the Press Trust of India supersonic passenger jet. said.—Reuter.

Meningitis spreads in Africa

Chris McGreal in Lagos

HE outbreak of spinal meningitis claiming the lives of 100 children a day in Nigeria has spread to a dozen other countries in Africa.

According to the World Health Organisation. (WHO) more than 6,000 people have died in recent weeks, mostly children under 15. The WHO says well over 300 million Africans are at risk in a belt of countries close to the Sahara, from Mali and Burkina Faso in the west to Sudan in

Nigeria remains the worst hit. Despite mass vaccina-tions in the northern state of Kano, where the outbreak is thought to have started, the death toll continues to rise

across the country.
According to the government's own figures, more than 700 people succumbed to meningitis last week, bring-ing the total number of victims above 4.000 since January. About another 1,000 have died in simultaneous but un-related outbreaks of cholera

Some doctors dispute the official figures, saying the official figures, saying the areas, it has support several true death toll could be several times higher because of Europe. But the military poor data collection, lack of regime appears reluctant to information about what is admit the scale of the crisis or information about what is admit the scale of the crisis or happening in isolated villages and political sensitivities eign assistance, although it over the government's slow

response to the crisis. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the only international immediate medical help, warms that while immunisation will save many lives, at best it can only contain the outbreak. The head of the MSF mission, Patrick Vial, predicts that meningitis will continue to claim large num-

bers of victims until the end

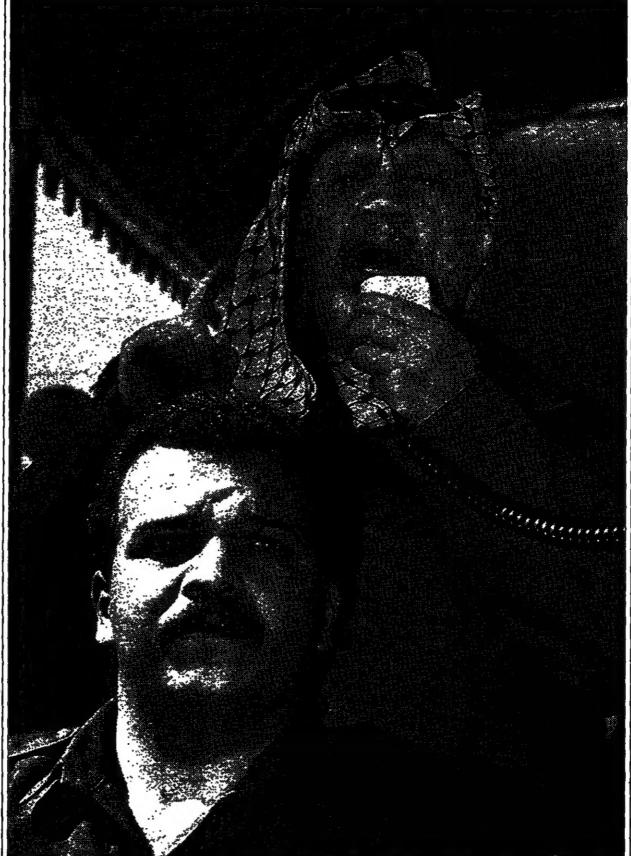
"It's very, very grave. The crisis is continuing to grow because it's meant to grow. Meningitis works in cycles. We can contain it with vaccinations but it will stop only when the rains come."

It will take MSF another month to vaccinate the 1.8 million people it has targeted for immunisation in Kano state. Although the agency plans to spread immunisation to two of the other badly hit states, Bauchi and Katsina, that will still leave most of those at risk without vaccina tion for weeks.

Doctors have also been bat tling to persuade potential victims to react swiftly to signs of the disease. Some children have died because their parents were unable to afford transport to hospitals or feared they would be unable to meet the cost of treatment, and so delayed seeking help until the child was seriously ill. Hospital charmes ously ill. Hospital charges have been waived, but transport remains a problem for many people.

The government's response is having an impact in some areas. It has shipped several says it welcomes any help.

• Up to four people were killed in violence during Ni-(MSF), the only international geria's local council elections, organisation to respond with the first step in the country's latest programme of transi-tion to democracy, it was reported yesterday. The elections, held on a non-party basis, marked what the government said was the begin-ning of the transition to civil-ian rule.



VASSER ARAFAT, the Palestinian president, speaks to thousands of demonstrating workers in Gaza yesterday. After a personal briefing by the Central in-

United States intelligence sources said the CIA had provided Mr Arafat with hard evidence of Iran's role. amounting to "incontro-vertible proof".

"I have the right to ask Who ordered the latest violent attacks?" Iran, Iran or-dered them," Mr Arafat told

PHOTOGRAPH: FAYEZ NURELDINE

Taiwan's future elite relate a tale of two nations

Andrew Higgins In Talpei

TELEVISION set flashes grave words across the cafeteria at National Taiwan University: a White House official is talking of the war Washington hopes to de-ter with two aircraft carriers, scores of warplanes and three nuclear-powered submarines. However, perhaps more menacing for China's bellig-erent nationalism are the quiet conversations among Talwan's future elite.

"Why should Taiwan be united with China?" asks Li Hsing-ying a student aged 18 at Taiwan's most prestigious university. "Just because China is powerful? There is no reason to think Taiwan belongs to the mainland. The guif between us has grown too big."

Already enraged by what it considers a covert plot to per-petuate China's division by Taiwan's president Lee Teng-hui. Beijing will find even more cause for alarm in the young people now being groomed to lead Taiwan.

"We may look the same, but so what?" says Ms Li. Such views have long been commonplace in the opposi-tion Democratic Progressive Party, which mobilised more than 10,000 people on Satur-day for a march in Taipei. Students such as Ms Li have little interest in politics.

However, what is taken for granted is Taiwan's separate identity — a fact that Beijing condemns as an intolerable heresy and for which Taiwan itself has only recently stopped jailing people.
"You can't use logic to

understand them over there,"
says Lai Yu-lin, an undergraduate. "They have their
own way of reasoning, so I'm
worried about what they might do next. Culturally, I'm Chinese, so I want unification — but we can't be unified at gunpoint. China has made people change their minds."
Only a minority of
Taiwan's 21 million people
want to risk a formal declaration of independence. Yet smaller is a minority favour-ing rapid unification.

According to a recent poll, about half the population favour the status quo — separate Taiwanese statehood in everything but name.

and married there. We didn't

But, with the intervention of human rights activists who bombard officials with com-plaints about bonded labour

or sometimes raid estates to

liberate haris, about 1,000 peasants have been freed.

For their pains, Mr Pathan said, the activists have been

leave his land for 22 years."

China warns off US navy

CHINA'S prime minister. Li Peng, yesterday told the United States not to send its navy into the Taiwan Strait.
"If some foreign force
makes a show of force in the Taiwan Strait, that will not be helpful but will make the situation all the more compli-cated," Mr Li told reporters.

His remarks are Beijing's toughest since China launched war games to menace Taiwan earlier this month, and the US sent in the navy.
"The Chinese government

will in no way accept the practice of one country imposing its views on another," Mr Li sald.

In Washington, the White House chief of staff, Leon Panetta, brushed aside the warning and refused to say where the US fleet was heading.—Reuter.

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Taiwan was not made a full province of the Chinese empire until 1887. Eight years later, it again slipped out of China's hands to become a colony of Japan, which ruled until 1945. During the past century, China's central government has ruled the island for only a four-war period for only a four-year period, between the end of the second world war and Chiang Kaishek's flight in 1949.

The already threadbare my-thology of Chinese unity has never looked so frayed. China's view of Taiwan as a renegade province bears little resemblance to the reality of a self-governing, self-confident and — after a long pro-cess of political reform due to be completed with Saturday's poll — democratic society.

Outside the university cafe teria an ear-splitting cacoph-ony of Chinese and Western music reverberates. On one side, a brass band rehearses Holst. On the other, a lone student strokes a Chinese er-hu.
"China should be a single nation, but there is no way to

unify at the moment," says the er-hu player. "Maybe sometime in the future. His choice of melody hints at the only way such unity will be achieved any sooner. "Spirit of the Sword".

Mexican debtors demand relief

Phil Gunson in Mexico City

N MEXICO'S pre-1995 boom years the banks fell over themselves to provide credit, and the spending limit on Oscar Romero Popoca's card would be raised regu-larly without his even asking.

"I opened the account with a 1,500-peso limit (about virtually every Mexican bank

£285)," Mr Romero says, "But they eventually raised it to Then the peso crisis in December 1994 caused the economy to crash and interest rates on credit cards to hit 120 per cent. Now Mr Romero — like hundreds of thousands of

other Mexicans — has a debt he cannot pay. It's 25,000 pesos, and they're about to take me to

court over it." he says. Along with about 200,000 other debtors, he joined the fast-growing mainly middleclass movement known as El Barzon, the ox-yoke, whose members have suspended payments until the govern-ment and the banks agree to a debt-reduction

Starting today, the Barzon intends to blockade the cen-tral bank and every finance ministry office throughout the country

Members have developed a reputation for spectacular forms of protest - such as removing their clothes at bank branches and depositing them over the counter in lieu

"There is no stronger or more combative social move-ment than El Barzon." says the organisation's national president, Juan José Quirino. "We are going to make alliances with everyone, from the guerrilla leader Subcomandantel Marcos to the

The Barzon "is one of the groups the government is most afraid of', adds Guadalupe Loneza, who writes a newspaper column on issues affect-ing Mexico's middle class.

The proposed Barzon blockade demonstrates that the group's timing, as usual, is impeccable. At the weekend, the chairman of the bankers' association (ABM), Jorge Madariaga, told his col- on the rise; inflation this year leagues that bad debts had is likely to be well above the grown by 500 per cent since 20 per cent target; and the

with security guards when they tried to storm the meeting on Saturday in the Carib-bean resort of Cancún.

Mr Madariaga said the years had brought Mexico's banking system to "the edge

would be technically insolvent. They have stayed affoat thanks to a government decision to pump in huge amounts of money - \$20 billion (£12.5 billion) and counting, according to some sources — in what many see as a scandalous bailout of a

badly run, but politically powerful sector. Nationalised during the 1982 debt crisis, the banks were sold back to the private sector between 1988 and 1994 under the now-disgraced former president. Carlos Sali-nas. Many of those who benefited had little or no banking experience. Some were top industrialists.

An economist, Rogelio Ramirez de la O, said that resolving the current crisis would involve "allowing the bankers, though not the banks, to go bust". The gov-ernment "would end up fight-ing the private-sector elite and that is a political decision [President Ernesto] Zedillo Like the Barzon, Dr Ramirez believes that in the absence of economic growth

ernment to buy the bad d recognising that their true worth is perhaps only 50 per cent of their nominal value. rent policy of "muddling through" while swaiting economic recovery is "like bring-ing a beautician to treat a pa-

If the policy remains the same, the situation "will ex-

sional elections of 1997". Mexico's government insists recovery is just around the corner. But unemployment, which had shown signs of falling, is once more

has not been willing to take." and low interest rates the only solution is for the gov-

Dr Ramirez said the cur-

tient who's in a coma". plode in the government's face, in a very ugly fashion, before the mid-term congres-

re end of 1994. growth rate will, at best, be A group of debtors scuttled less than 3 per cent.



The decisions flow, the copy, the photos, the video, but for many the flow is accompanied by that dangerous state, the suspension of involvement and emotion. Jon Snow after Dunblane

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Families enslaved by a life of casual brutality

Suzanne Goldenberg in Matli, Sind province, reports on the rehabilitation of Pakistanis freed from bonded labour

Koli was born a slave, sugar cane fields, with a coil of rope hissing through the air towards his shoulders when he faltered under the police led Rupo out of bond-

burning sun. Life was bearable until four sold for 50,000 rupees (£1,000) to Ali Baksh Leghari of Batin district, a landlord whose cruelty still makes them shiver with fear.

They wore leg-irons in the field and were made to squat at wooden posts before they were chained for the night. They were beaten when the landlord was drunk or had guests to entertain, and were paid only in flour, in such mi serly quantities that for several days every month they

IKE his grandfather and father before him, Rupo gulping down a paste of uncoked flour and water and and all his days were the same: long, hard hours in lord wouldn't spare the cooklord wouldn't spare the cook-

age, the bazaar in this nonde script town remains a source years ago when Rupo, his of wonder for him. Rupo has wife and eight children were walked into town three times this afternoon, a slow shuffle in phantom chains.

Neither Rupo, aged about 40, nor his father can remember the original debt that reduced the family from free men to bonded labourers, but after years of back-breaking and unnaid labour on sugar cane plantations it had ur countably grown to 118,000 rupees (£2,360).

Although his story is horrifying. Rupo recounts it as if it were completely normal and in this part of Pakistan it "If we even took an onion from the field, the landlord ince of Sind, feudal landlords used to beat us," Rupo said. rule as they have always

done: with casual brutality. Bonded labour was outlawed only in 1992. Shakeel Ahmed Pathan, the Sind rep
Barban said. Barban patrolled by armed guards. So much so that landlord patrolled by armed guards. We died there; we were born resentative of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, argues that officials are reluctant to enforce the law, partly because they are them-selves from landed families

ing the most powerful people in the land. Many of Pakistan's leading politicians are landlords, in-cluding the prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, and demands for agricultural reform in the past have met with fierce

and partly for fear of offend

resistance. Sind's agricultural wealth depends on bonded labour mostly tribal (meaning indig enous) or so-called untouch able Hindus, called haris, for labour-intensive and highly profitable cash crops like sugar cane which are replac-ing traditional agriculture.

For the haris living on vasi

banana or sugar estates, the landlords are akin to God: quick to anger, slow to for-give, and answerable to no one. They rule unencumbered by such modern niceties as the estates in conditions the land reform, taxation, trade unions or rights legislation.

"All landlords think that the land of the lan

worry about witnesses when he grabbed Meran Devi by the hair and dragged her into a field. "He would rape me in front of my mother, he would

rape me in front of the entire world," Meran said. Hanif, the bewildered looking eight-year-old burrowed into her side, is the living

proof of her shame. She said said, the activists have been his father's only concern for beaten and threatened with

There was no question of escape. We died, were born and married there. We didn't leave his land for 22 years'

The original debts often for-gotten, unscrupulous landlords take advantage of the harls' illiteracy to ensure they can never be free. Often, the accounts are just scrib-bled in a child's notebook. The haris spend their lives on

taken away. Despite an en-campment of freed haris a mile from the Matli police station, the local police chief denies all knowledge of bonded labour in his district. The rude shelters of thatch

his future was that Hanif bear | reprisals; several landlords have turned up at his office in Hyderabad demanding that he pay for the baris he bas

and wood where Rupo and have security. Even if you are Jhema Devi live with 400 to a slave you belong to some-

are the local equivalent of the "underground railway" in the southern US states before the civil war.

The haris remain desper-ately poor. Most have only one set of clothes and a few battered kitchen utensils. But they are beginning to find work as paid farm labourers, taking home 80 rupees a day. As the fear of being recap-tured by their landlords lessens, the harts chart their own physical transformation. They stand straighter, and learn to speak above a

"Now I am becoming less and less black," Jhems Devi said. She had never been able

to wash properly before. The haris have a temporary protector in the local church. but the Irish priest in Matili, Father Tomas King, originally from Galway, describes their freedom as tenuous. The haris are too unused to independence to know how to avoid falling into debt. Some

"In the bonded system you have nothing, but at least the landlord looks after you, you have security. Even if you are

Creek freaks and anglers plead for LA's forgotten river

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

FERY few of the mil lions who live in the V smoggy sprawl of Los Angeles are aware that a river runs through it. Even those who have glimpsed its concrete encased waters while idling in a traffic jam may wonder whether to believe what the signposts

say. The Los Angeles River begins far away in a cool spring in the San Gabriel mountains and emerges near a high school sports field in the prosperous white suburb of Canoga Park. From there, vertical concrete walls hide the flow, which in summer dwindles to a brown trickle on which float tin cans and plastic cups.

After beavy rain the river becomes a raging torrent, as happened last week when a driver operating a machine in the river was plan to bolster the river's banks with even more concrete, to minimise the danger of flooding. For the first time, the en-

gineers are meeting stiff resistance in a city where environmental protection has never had pride of place. A tenacious band of "creek freaks" called the Friends of the Los Angeles River want to see parts of it returned to nature. They say there are al

ready two short stretches of an almost natural river — Sepulveda Basin and Griffith Park - which could be extended into a landscaped flood plain. This would not only accommodate excess water, but could encourage wildlife. People might one day cycle beside the river. past such forgotten wonders as willow trees.

But the lobbyists are up against one of the most implacable enemies of the United States environmental movement: the US Army



struction of many wild riv- | locked behind "No Tresers in the name of flood passing" notices. One dry control, began pouring ce-ment on the Los Angeles part of the riverbed is used to train bus drivers. River bed in the 1930s. The river flows east

It may now be the world's most cemented river. Its 61through the suburban sprawl of the San Fernando valley, and skirts down-town LA, before running south by the Golden Gate mile run from the high machine in the river was
Corps of Engineers. The school playing field to the rescued by helicopter as flood waters deluged his cab. The authorities now been responsible for the debanks, fenced off and padentic law in the following field to the south of the folden Gate freeway to the Pacific. Its banks, fenced off and padentic field to the south of the folden Gate freeway to the Pacific. Its

bankside footpath, and not a single bench. Treated sewage keeps the river flowing all year round, while pollution from gutter water and industrial waste makes it foolish to fish below the headwaters. The last run of steelhead

trout, a sea-going fish like salmon that can reach 3ft, was in 1940. But California Trout, an anglers' organisation, hopes to help steel-heads in the river's upper waters reach the Pacific once again via other rivers. A recent discovery that the LA river trout is a unique species has reinforced the

campaign. The engineers' corps plans to raise flood barriers by several feet in a massive project priced between \$300 million and \$500 mil-lion (£200-£330 million). The plan is based on the theoretical possibility of floods occurring every 100,

134, or 150 years. The battle has reached a critical point. The lobbyists must either sue the corps's backers, LA county and its

one footbridge, hardly any | department of public works, over an inadequate environmental report, or accept the stringent terms of the levee project.

Meanwhile, some Ange-

lenos arge the traditional approach to urban planning: pave the whole river over for traffic. Just what LA needs - another freeway.

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Stay as long as it takes

Bosnia needs commitment

ANOTHER WEEKEND of pitiful happenings in Bosnia continues to show up the hollowness of the peace. Harls Cvrk, a 14-year-old boy, is killed and his mother seriously injured after stepping on a mine in the Sarajevo suburb of Nedjarici. In another suburb — Grbavica — the main covered market is torched by Serb arsonists before being handed over to the Muslim-Croat Federation. And in a third suburb - Ilidza where the transfer has already taken place, those few Bosnian Serbs brave enough to stay behind are being

terrorised by young Muslim thugs.

What is the reaction to this of the "international community" - if it deserves the term? Reports that the Pentagon may review its long-standing opposition to a wholesale ban on land-mines will be too late for Haris Cvrk, even if it leads to an effective UN ban (and assuming that Britain too stops equivocating on the subject). It will also be too late for all those killed by mines already laid - or who are going to be killed by them - in Angola... and Cambodia... and Bosnia too, with its estimated three million mines already in place. It will still be a small gain, helped ironically by the casualties inflicted on US soldiers in Bosnia where three more Nato soldiers were wounded over the weekend. But the problem will not go away when the Americans leave at the end of the year.

Nor will any of Bosnia's other problems. This running tragedy has been subtly downgraded in Western perception: the renewed ethnic cleansing generates colourful tales of drunken Serbs or marauding Muslims, but no political storm. When the UN peacekeepers were on the spot, it was open season for harsh criticism of their alleged softness and lack of clear instructions. Somehow the sight of Nato soldiers standing idly by, while innocent members of all communities are victimised, does not arouse the same outrage. And Nato's grotesque determination to suit a presidential timetable and get the hell out of Bosnia by the end of the year, consigning the Bosnians to further instalments of real

hell, is simply taken for granted. This context of timetabled withdrawal is crucial: Nato is making no attempt to arrest the ethnic cleansing which accompanies the separation, according to the Dayton agreement, of Bosnia into two "entities". To do so would imply a commitment — which does not exist — to stay on until the stated aims of Dayton, including the return to a multi-ethnic society, are achieved. The hard fact is that the political realities of Bosnia have been based from the start upon ethnic and territorial division - as our correspondent's report today on secret Croat-Serb understandings reached at the start of the war illustrates. Division has been the sub-text of every international plan including the current one.

What can be done? The arrival tomorrow of the paralysed girl Hurmija Mujic in London, adopted by a British sergeant-major, is a reminder that individual efforts can help. But there are another five hundred children in need of similar treatment while international evacuation is being phased out. In April a conference in Brussels will try to raise \$5.1 billion of urgent rescue aid — only one-third of what Bosnia really needs. That will be the time for governments to lay out hard cash instead of platitudes. In the meantime the international Contact Group on Bosnia starts a new round today in Geneva. What is needed is not cosmetic patching up, but a firm resolve to protect those Bosnians seeking to resist ethnic cleansing, and a commitment by Nato and the UN to stay as long as it takes.

Opening up Whitehall Why not put it all on the web?

OF ALL the initiatives the Conservatives have made towards open government one stands out the decision to publish the minutes of meetings between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England. It stands out because it whets the appetite for more. If the Government can publish sensitive high-level policy documents like this without ill-effect, what else could be released without bringing the pillars of Whitehall

First, the least controversial: information. The Gov ernment is creditably releasing official information through the Internet. Many departments including the Treasury, the Central Statistical Office and the Central Office of Information, have their own sites offering access to the rapidly increasing number of Internet users including schools, libraries and individuals. The Treasury has been quick off the mark. The budget is published soon after it is released and so are the minutes of the Chancellor's monthly meeting with the Governor. The COI publishes some departmental press releases a day after publication (why not immediately?) but the CSO - custodian of most of the interesting statistics - only offers samples of its wares free to the general public. This is because it is obliged to recover any extra costs by charging commercial users for access to its huge archives. This is a nonsense. It is taxpayers who pay for Whitehall and for all the information it collects. It is ours. There may have been some excuse for extra charges incurred by publication in book form. But that no longer applies. Most of the information whether press releases about education or the inflation figures for the last 100 years — is collected in electronic form on word processors and spreadsheets. It costs hardly anything extra to make them available on Internet web sites where the public can access them from their home computers for the price of a local telephone call (on which the Government will also receive VAT).

And what about Hansard? If digital democracy is to have any meaning then the daily utterings of our MPs should be instantly available. Instead of privatising Hansard as the Government is - absurdly - trying to do, it should popularise it. As taxpayers we pay enough for the upkeep of Parliament. Why should its ultimate output - the sentences in Hansard - be sold to the highest bidder?

If the policy-making surrounding monetary policy can be published so painlessly why not other documents used for policy-making in education, social policy and economics? The top mandarins will doubtless resist. But as the former head of prisons Derek Lewis has pointed out, two-thirds of civil servants are now employed at arms length from Whitehall in Next Steps agencies. This is the natural place for an experiment in open government. And real freedom of information.



Letters to the Editor

Sense and sensitivity

DETTER anti-psychotic drugs may be denied to sufferers (Schizophrenia drugs 'rationed', March 14) not only on cost grounds but also by psychiatric prejudice. My daughter was refused clo-zapine for three years by two consultants in succession. When she was given it, she began to return towards sanity in two weeks.

The first consultant declared that clozapine was not suitable for her. The second disagreed with testing "new and potentially dangerous drugs on cohorts of individ-uals". Clozapine had then been in general use for four years. It produced dangerous effects in under 1 per cent of its users. Both consultants refused to allow a second opinion, and each was supported by a different GP. The Patient's Charter gives the de-cision on second opinions to the GP. This rule needs to be

R E Keen. 20 Fonthill Road, Hove BN3 6HD.

ITS interesting to hear that "Rebecca Rees at the AA" apparently suiggers at people who turn maps upside down to read them (Sidelines. March 14). I have a bachalor's degree in geography and a master's in town planning, and have drawn and used maps and plans professionally for over a quarter of a century. I will still, though, often turn a map upside down to orient myself - particu-larly when faced with a AA produces its share. Harvey Van Sickle. 76 Upper Sherborne Road, Basingstoke.

Hampshire RG21 5RP. WHAT a surprise, shop-pers aren't keen on sedcond-hand, recycled toilet 'green' buys, March 16).
Would the stuff perhaps become popular if we were
trusted to know about its production? Especially the mystery of just how all those sepa-rate sheets are refastened together so neatly into new rolls.

Vivian Levett. 7 Lings Coppice, London SE21 88 Y.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed etters, and a telephone number We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

The rocky road from Dunblane

Museum just two days after the gun massacre at Dun-blane. What hope is there for a peaceful, non-violent society when the example set by the establishment is public en-dorsement of lethal weaponry? Nigel Simpkins.

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ALL the Queen managed to do was to read out, stumblingly and incompetently, a few trite phrases, totally lacking in feeling or spontaneity. After over 40 years in the job, I think she might have done rather better. The best that could be said about it was that it made a fine advertisement for republicanism. (Dr) R F Carter.

THE tragedy in Dunblane has led to calls for more has led to calls for more surveillance in schools, more controls on guns, more security everywhere. These responses are predictable enough but they also betray a loss of perspective. Nothing like the school gym shooting has ever happened in Britain

OW inappropriate that before. There is nothing to head, he won't be able to kill could misinte the Royal Armouries again. So why should we allow the Royal Armouries again. So why should we allow this extraordinary incident to only a gun can give. determine the degree of security, surveillance and controls we are prepared to accept in our society? Mick Hume.

Editor, Living Marxism. London WC1N 3XX.

REJECT the picture drawn by Andrew O'Hagan (Scot-land's damaged heart, March 15) of "a culture of violence too strong and widespread to be denied or disconnected from our everyday lives". Thomas Hamilton's horrific act of violence preoccupies us precisely because of the exceptional nature of it. To attempt to draw lessons from this and apply them to wider society is not only irrational, but dangerous. Sally Gray. 60 Greenwood Road, London E8 1AB.

PONY Garwood's offensive letter (March 16) telling us that he was "sickened" by your call for tighter gun control is right in a way: it's no good tinkering with this problem. Firearms should be banned altogether. Then the part time one of us goes off his

only a gun can give. D M Matheson. Daresbury House,

Daresbury WA4 4AJ.

SYMPATHISE with Una Freeley's view on child abuse (Letters, March 15). But abuse (Letters, March 15). But I wonder if we are not on the edge of a moral panic that will lead to social fragmentation? My wife was admitted to a psychiatric hospital because she was hallucinating, hearing voices and threatening to kill a number of people (myself included). She alleged many things about many people — including myself. I was subject to a short, sharp investigation for child abuse investigation for child abuse and cleared.

I seriously considered aban doning my daughter. My wife remains unstable — and it is not easy living with the knowledge that any time she wishes to get at me, she has only to repeat her allegations and social services will come

running.

Before this I enjoyed a fairly open easy-going relationship with my daughter. Now every action — from washing her hair to giving a hug — must be analysed just in case it next time one of us goes off his

the laboratory T IS a pity that the glossy PR

AM amazed that the father of Thomas Hamilton could say (Revenge of the misfit, March 15): "I can't live with this. I can't take it, I brought a monster into the world". What he did was to bring a child into the world, and desert him when aged only 18 months. He then allowed him to be brought up believing that his mother was his older sister, by "parents" who were in truth his grandparents. Graham Redshaw. 5 Post Office Lane. Slitting Mill, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 2UP.

AMILTON did not live in our "midst until yester-day, when he shot dead 16 small children ..." (Slaughter of the infants, March 14). Imof the infants, March 14). Implying that Hamilton was from the Dunblane community is a gross insult to our town. He was from Stirling seven miles away. Do not link fitth like Hamilton with the town that suffered his monstrous depravity.

Andrew McIntyre.

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Government is not matched by a real commitment to sup-porting our SET base. The reality belies the hype. By the financial year 1997-98, govern-ment spending on Research

and Development will be £1bn less than it was in 1986. In the Department of Trade and industry alone, R&D programmes have been slashed by 68 per cent in four years. This does not bode well for the Office of Science and Technology, given its peremptory relocation to within the DTL. The results of this lack of

commitment are clear. Fig-ures published by the OECD and IMF in 1995 show that the percentage of GPD spent on research and development in the UK is a mere 2.19 per cent, lower than the US (2.72 per cent) and Japan (2.93 per cent). It is little wonder that the UK has failen to 18th place in the world prosperity

An explosion in

gineering and Technology Week (March 15 to 24) by the

league. Adam Ingram MP. Shadow Minister for Science and Technology. House of Commons, London SWIA GAA.

Gold finger

THE technique for finger-printing of gold was pio-neered jointly by Drs John Watling and Hugh Herbert in Western Australia and is not therefore a British or Univer-sity of Durham development (Dons sting gold thieves, March 13). It has been used in the successful prosecution of gold thieves in over 20 inter national court cases during the last three years. The tech-nique is used for fingerprint-ing gold bullion, jewellery, ar-tefacts and nuggets and we already have a database of well over 1,500 samples.

There is also a collabora-tive project with Cambridge and Liverpool Universities, the Royal Ulster Museum and the National Museum of Ireland in sourcing Bronze Age artefacts. We are also working with a number of international police forces in sourc-ing not only stolen gold but diamonds, ancient statues and carvings and certain drugs. (Dr) R J Watling.

Chief Chemist, Department of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia.



Sold out on the High Street

WALK along the high street of any village, town or city and you will see one of the reasons why the Government is going to lose and a 24-hour-a-week craft the next election: empty shops. The last five years has seen a massacre. Speak to any of the surviving shop-keepers and you will probably find yourself talking to a disillusioned former supporter of the Conservative Party. Usually the last straw that

breaks the shop-keeper's back is the Non-Domestic Rate. This is the poll tax with a ven-geance and is imposed 2/3 St Johns Hill, whether the shop is making a Wareham, profit or a loss or indeed Dorset BH20 4NA.

shop will be charged on the same basis as a 24-hour a-day international fast food outlet Non-domestic rates have been fixed at between 10 and 20 times the level of ordinary domestic rates. At the present rate there will be hardly any small shops left by the turn of the century. Is this what we

A Country Diary

Dumblane FF15 9HB.

living in the north of our area, say Keswick or Penrith, or approaching from that direction see a completely dif-ferent picture of winter Lakeland from Kendal or Windermere folk. For the northerners, the fells will often seem plastered with snow whereas, on the same day, motorists approaching from the south might see no sign of winter and be puzzled by weather reports of snowbound passes on their car radios. This marked preponderance of snow cover on north and east slopes was graphically underlined on a recent visit to the Howgills, just outside the Lakes, on a still, sunny morning. On the walk from Sedbergh to The Calf (2,219ft), the highest summits revealed little or no snow whereas, looking back from Calders, the modest, sprawling hump of Arant Haw, its shadowed north face carpeted in white, almost took on the splendour of an Alpine peak. Indeed, it was cold winter from the north but sunny spring from the

THE LAKE DISTRICT: People | south - crisp snow for crampons on north slopes and the first new grass sprouting, with the yellowing daffodils. young man seated by the OS ting on his map an adventurous return round to Weas-dale, many miles away. The only other encounter all day was with a profusely perspiring man, stripped to the waist and brown as a berry, run-ning through the snow as hard as he could. He turned round at Calders, without a pause, bounding back down the slopes with great skill. Perhaps a master, I thought, from Sedbergh School timing a course for the boys for, at one time, the pupils from this tough school had to run up and down Winder, our first summit, before breakfast. On our way down we could easily pick out the familiar summits of Whernside, Ingleborough and Penyghent and, much closer to hand, the massive bulk of Baugh Fell, draped in long fingers of snow and look-ing twice its real height. A HARRY GRIFFIN

Mining a rich seam of our history

Endpiece

Rov Hattersley

HERE are 203 badges pictured on the poster Davey lamps, pithead winding gear, crossed picks and shovels, inks of chain too strong to break and hands clasped too firmly in fraternal greeting ever to be disunited. Each one represents a pit which was closed by the Tories. The origi-nals — brilliant in their hard enamel colours -- were meant to be memento mori. Then they were sold on behalf of the Jus-tice for Mineworkers Cammain that helped, and helps until this day, pitmen who were victimised after the year-long strike collapsed in 1984. But, taken altogether and set until a disciplined wave, there out in disciplined rows, they are the story of a lost

Do not tell me that only elderly romantics find much that is civilised in digging coal. Few of us - who were neither

was the life of the community which grew up around it - the football team, the brass band, the Saturday night dance, the library, the evening class in local history and international economics. Before the health service, the colliery companies provided medical insurance of a sort — as everyone who has read a novel by A J Cronin will recall. Very often, the miners' lodges and the non-conformist congregations could not be dis-tinguished from each other.

After the Silkstone Colliery disaster of 1838 — In which 26 boys and girls (the youngest aged seven) were drowned in the flooded pit — parliament dren from working under-Barnsley passed a resolution which was clearly inspired by Methodism not Marxism. It

dalous practice." In the old days, miners were and did everything within their local-ity. All human life was in the pit villages and colliery towns. So Brian Witts' "full-colour print, actual size 100cm x 7cm, produced on high-quality card and suitable for framing" is more than one ex-miner's attempt to make an enterprising bob or two and, at the same time, "show how people were misled about the future of the mining industry". It is a re-cord of the nation's history.

For some of us, the story is personal. On January 1, 1947, 1 cycled with my mother and father to Corton Wood (closed October 1985) just for the pleasure of seeing a notice nailed to the gate. It read: "This colprohibited women and chil-dren from working under-ground. The pious miners of Coal Board." I played my last serious game of cricket there. And, more than 25 years after that final duck, it was at Corwas concerned not with the de ton Wood that the long fight mands of social justice but the requirements of respectability. It asserted: "The employment began. My grandfather worked

born nor bred in the industry or have the choice of another trade — would choose to earn our living underground. But once upon a time, the collections were and did once upon a time, the collections were supported by the collections were and did once upon a time, the collections were supported by the weak, I gave my first everything within their local october 1992). As I recall, the result of the result is all the result of the resul Kevin Keegan was born just down the road.

I know for certain that Jackie Milburn and the Charlton brothers were born in Ashington (closed January, 1986). Another score of the now half-forgotten pits are landmarks in the cultural and political development of this country. Bestwood Workshops (closed October, 1994) went hand in hand with Eastwood Colliery. That is the D H Lawrence pit in which Mrs Hol-royd was widowed and Walter Morel once worked. Newstead (closed March, 1987) is a couple of miles away from the abbey of the same name. Byron did some of his best work there — the abbey, not the pit. Bentink (closed March 1988) took its name from its original owner. Lord George Bentink - who at least claimed to be more interested in racing than in politics - shared the lead-

complained that he had given | first explosion, descended to up the certainty of winning the Derby for nothing more than the hope of becoming prime minister. They took prime ministers more seriously in Seaham (closed March 1986). Ramsay MacDonald was member of parliament from the constituency in 1935. ish history.

Other pits have been closed in other ways. In 1886, Oaks Colliery in Ardley suffered its second catastrophe in two decades. In 1867, only 73 lives were lost. Nineteen years later, when the underground explosion blew the winding gear from the top of the mine-shaft, "there were many men and boys working in the pit, to the number of 340: of these 20 were brought out alive, but of which number 14 subse- a tangible expression of regret. quantly died, leaving 334 as the number sacrificed." The same edition of the Barnsley Independent reported the con-

assist in the recovery of the bodies, 27 lives were lost." Thirty years earlier, at Silk-stone in the same county, the apocalypse came not with fire but water. "On that eventful day, the Lord sent forth His Thunder, Lightening, Hail, for Seaham Harbour until Rain, carrying devastation be-Manny Shinwell drove him fore them." At least, that is how it is described on the mon-Two hundred and three pits. ument at the top of Kendray Each one of them part of Brit-Hill. It goes on to urge the reader to heed an implicit warning. We may all be "suddenly summoned to appear before our Maker" "George Birkinshaw, aged 10 years and Joseph Birkinshaw, aged seven years, his brother."
In the 19th century, pits
were closed by the Will of Providence. In the 20th, they were destroyed by ignorance and malice. Their death implores the passing tribute of a sigh. Brian Witts has produced

The poster, Closed by the Tories, can be obtained for £15 trom Nine One-Seven, PO Box 91, Cannock ership of the Tory party with sequences of a second blast. WS124YT. Part of the profit goes Benjamin Disraeli. He bitterly "Out of 198 men who, after the the Justice for Miners Campaign WS12 4YT. Part of the profit goes to

Ahead of us stretched a school playground bounded on the far side by a low wall Beyond it was a narrow street with an abandoned; low Morris Minor — sans tyres, sans windows, sans

everything.
The car has sat there for 22 years—since Turkish forces invaded and occupied the north of Cyprus, right down to the "Green line" on which UN troops were already standing between Turkish and Greek Cypriots in

"The UN," Captain Collinge continued, "maintains that the edge of the buffer zone goes from the rear left wheel of the yellow car to the wall. The Turks say it goes from the front left wheel."

The disputed area in be-tween has been outlined in paint on the asphalt and under an agreement with the UN a Turkish soldier is allowed to "patrol" it for five minutes in every 60. Some weeks back, a Turk stepped into the playground, provok-ing one of the gravest incidents on the line in months. Up to this point, you may

have had a suspicion. But, as your UN escorts basten you past the yellow Morris Minor, urging you to take only the briefest of glances, you know it. You are on the maddest, saddest walk on earth. Over the years, UN soldiers have slowly brought order to this crumbling, hate filled wilderness. They have painted lines and put up signs and given nicknames locations. In doing so, they have turned it into something even more forlorn than a mere no-man's-land. They have made into a theme park

All you need is a diplomatic passport, a press card or military identification for a never-to-be-forgotten trip along the Trail of Human dull winter's day like this one when wind and rain bend the paim trees, and the dun-coloured masonry looks at its

You start not far from An-nie's House. "Annie" was a Greek Cypriot, one of the very few people who carried on living by the line. When she died, aged 91, the UN sol-diers had a whip-round to get the body removed and buried. It was the last thing to be taken out of her house. Peer through the shutters and you can still see the furniture just as she left it.

Up a rise, there are a couple of stones and a mast with which a National Guardsman bared his bottom to the Turks in 1989. The Turks shot him — dead. The UN call it The Monument to the

My Divers

-URTHER on is Tea Chest Wall. Because nei-ther side is allowed to strengthen its defences, almost nothing gets repaired on the line and, every so often, a wall collapses. When this one fell down a year ago, the Turks built it up again with tea chests. But the Greeks suspected the tea chests had been filled with concrete. And so, under another, solemn, UN-brokered agreement, the tea chests were turned around to let the enemy see they were empty.

Past Tractor Corner and Grisly Bunker there is the National Guard post in central Nicosia where they used to charge tourists to throw stones at the Turks. Further along, there is the Booby-trapped Shop in which, for many years, a grenade hung menacingly by a string.

Beyond it lie the Yellow

Car and the Snake Pit - a

snake-infested garden through which you walk to get on to the roof of a school and, from there, descend into the relatively normalised area which takes in the Maro nite and Catholic Churches. Just before you get to the Yellow Car, you have to walk through a former shopping precinct. In the basement there are several dozen Japa-nese cars which had just been imported when the Turks in-vaded. They are still there because the only exit is on the

miles, the distance from the port at Famagusta. Upstairs, a troop of 12 Regiment, Royal Artillery lives in desolate conditions. When the UN Force was sent in. It was given a budget for main-tenance but not for replacement. That was because it was expected to be temporury. That was in 1964.

Turkish-occupied side. The dashboards all show they

have travelled precisely 37



True cost of BSkyB at the ringside

Commentary

Mark Lawson

IKE TYSON received £3 million a minute for his brief contest against against Frank Bruno yesterday. This is astonish-ing, but not novel, for the phe-nomenon of fighters' pay days is well known. The real financial knock-out lies elsewhere. Viewers to BSkyB experi-enced an unprecedented pay-out day, having spent be-tween £1.50 and £2.00 a minute on Sky Sports' cover-age of the bout, which was British television's first payper-view programme. Boxing economics has come to televi-

sion viewing.

These are stange and significant days in British television. The arrival of pay-per-view packages marks this as a watershed weekend. The renewed debate on televised violence which is certain to follow the Dunblane massacre
— already, some MPs are
proselytising the V-chip, the American censor-in-the-set device — may mark this as a defining week in another

The rhetorical war between executives is also intense. "Few believed that the BBC

could survive multi-channel, I tion towards the BBC. Mr Elderegulated, commercial broadcasting. But we are," the Controller of BBC2, Michael Jackson, told the Royal Television Society last Wednesday night. However, in the Media section of this newspaper today, David Elstein of Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, in effect questions how much longer the BBC will survive. He quotes research, commissioned by the satellite channel itself, which found that 51 per cent

of television viewers polled do not believe that the licence fee represents "very good value for money". Let's begin with Mr Elstein's research. As well as the more than half of the sample who question the value of the licence fee, 70 per cent of viewers believe that the licence fee should be reduced. These findings may

be less revealing than BSkyB believes. The licence fee is -or is widely regarded as - : tax. Polls on taxation traditionally show large majorities in favour of the levy being reduced. Surveys on whether rates/community charge/property tax represent "very good value for money" would almost certainly produce an overwhelming verdict that they did not. What polls on taxation and rates have tradi-tionally shown is that those questioned want the same or etter services but without paying the money for them. The attitude — an under-standable but illogical one —

stein's detailed research has merely revealed a televisual equivalent of an ancient econonic truth. People would like bread and milk to be cheaper. And yet the exercise is disingenuous. For he and BSkyB are not offering free loaves and pints. Not at all. How

many of those who paid be-tween £1.50 and £2 a minute for the Bruno-Tyson fight would tell a pollster that it represented "very good value" when they were not prepared to say that about a licence fee which works out at around 20.0002 per minute. How do they feel about installation and subscription costs for RStyrk which add to to for BSkyB which add up to several multiples of the BBC licence fee they say they would like to be reduced?

And what was the attitude of sports fans this weekend to the numerous cable companies who were unable, for technical and contractual reasons, to offer the Las Vegas contest even to those prepared to pay per view for it?
On the subject of viewers
polls, one will doubtless be published in the next two weeks revealing that "vio-lence in television and films"

s held in part or fully respon-

sible for atrocities like that at

Dunblane. First of all, it should be should be said that, while television drama frequently portrays very good after-maths of violence — see BBC1's recent The Sculptress or Silent Witness — the me has long been the position of a dium has, at least in recent large section of the populative years, been highly cautious

The first traditional objec-

tion to screen violence is that it may encourage imitation. No generally accepted data exists on this perceived link, so we should stick with an observable truth. Not all — or even most — of those who view violent films feel moved to copy them. During the four most operatically-savage movies of recent times — Quentin Tarantino's Reservoir Dogs, Oliver Stone's Natvoir bogs, Chiver stone's Nat-ural Born Killers, Kathryn Bi-gelow's Strange Days and Michael Mann's Heat — I per-sonally found my hands fly-ing towards my own eyes rather than around the throat of the person in the next seat.

I accept that it is quite possible that there are viewers who possess a mental kink which makes such movies an instruction manual. (I even

The traditional broadcasters look, artistically at least, in surprisingly good shape

accept that questions may le gitimately be asked about the psychological health of the directors of the bloody enter tainments named above.) The difficulty is that those viewers in whom violent images trigger violence may equally find their provocation not in a Tarantino movie but in a JD Salinger novel or a news report. If Dunblane encour-ages a copycat attack (as Hun-gerford did), the provocation will have come not from cine-matic entertainment but from factual and largely honour-able news journalism. So what do we do? Ban television news? Close down the new Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, a national collection of

about gun-play and shoot outs. These remain the province of Hollywood cinema. And, about movie violence, two points should be made.

The second traditional complaint against screen violence is that it desensitises the gen-eral population to real-life violence. And yet Britain has not felt, in the last five days, like a nation dulled out of res ponse to horror.

It might also be pointed out that any viewers who wished to see seriously violently movies on television would be required to invest in BSkyB rather than the routinely censorious land channels.

But — in this doubly-diffi-

cult time for terrestrial broadcasters — it has to be said that the traditional broadcast ers look, artistically at least in surprisingly good shape. Programmes such as The House; The Politician's Wife; Our Friends in The North; Jake's Progress; Goodnight, Sweetheart; Channel 4 News; Cracker, Newsnight, Have I Got News For You? and They least the equal, in their various genres, as any produced during the supposed gilded period of the 60s and 70s. And this is the central charge against Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB. It is the only one of the five main telvision sources in Britain which has not produced a single piece of originally-created program-ming which would be in-cluded in a list of television's best. Its achievements are tri-

umphs of buying — swanky Amercian imports major sports events — and selling: making their purchases available to viewers at prices never contemplated in the history of the licence fee. That is why it would be a travesty if yesterday's exorbi-tant broadcast from Las Vegas began the process by which television's creative featherweight brought down its heavyweights.

In a word, are ton's dream day-out? It would be foolish to pretend that those on the edge are always waiting for the Odeon to push or wicked?



Ros Coward

EHIND last week's extrems and terrible something more mundane: the almost insurmountable bstacles which exist between allegations of sexual abuse and their successful prosecution. Thomas Hamilton came to police attention numerous times. Yet he was never pros-ecuted. This was probably not because of police inertia, but the perennial problems in such cases: reluctance of children to give evidence, the difficulty of substantiating evidence, and the tendency of most communities to view sexual misfits as inadequate

rather than dangerous.

Many people now think pro-fessionals see sexual interference where it does not exist. After the Orkneys, Cleveland and Nottingham, this is hardly surprising. In Cleve-land over 100 children, most wrongly "diagnosed", were taken from their families. In Nottingham, accusations of Satanic abuse proved to stem from gross misunderstand-ings about a three-generation dysfunctional family. Conse-quently, we fear that professionals might have their own somewhat hysterical agenda. The reality is different.

Police are concerned not about over-intervention but about the difficulties in catching and prosecuting adults who use children sexually. Prof Nigel Parton and Corinne Watton, speaking at an international conference last week, criticised the UK's child-protection system for being "forensically driven" when allegations of this crime can rarely be substantiated. There are often no physical signs, no witnesses and no corroborating evidence. Children's evidence is regularly demolished by judiciary, so the police are often reluctant

to press charges. Yet the crime remains serious, so at least two forces last year get up specialist paedophile units. They focus in part eanised paedophilia child pornography and the Far East child sex trade. But these units also recognise that, more locally, paedophiles are difficult to catch. Often they are extremely plausible and devious people whose detection requires a high degree of organisation and coordination between

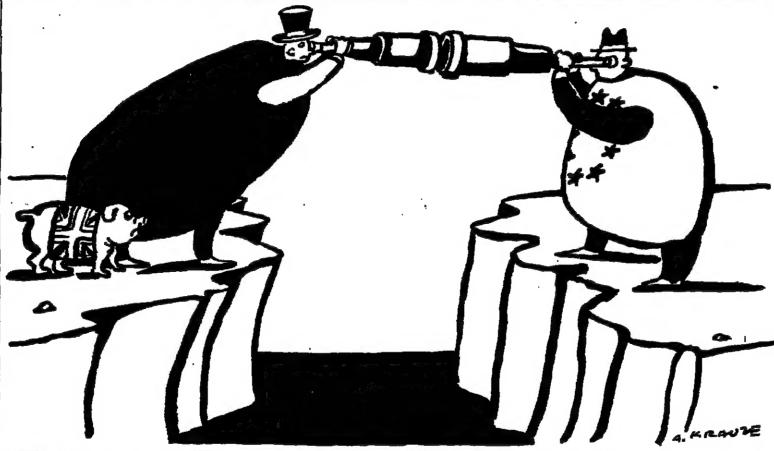
Sex crimes against children have a desperately low clear-up rate. Childline took 7,207 Department of Health registered 7,200 children at risk of sexual abuse in 1995. But Home Office figures reveal only 274 cautions or prosecu-tions for acts of indecency with children during the

Parton and Watton claim that beyond all the dropped and failed charges are many more incidents. They have analysed letters submitted to the guarant National Committee to the current National Commission on Child Abuse. The majority of these — now adult — writers had not reported severe sex crimes. They were inhibited by fear, guilt, and confusion about what was happening to them. Almost all described how badly these ex-periences had affected them and interfered with their lives. Even in our supposedly liberated culture, it is still difficult for children to tell about sexual molestation.

Adults too have difficulties We are all squeamish about suggesting that sad and pa-thetic individuals might be dangerous criminals. These reactions aren't just confined to the more obvious misfits— the "Mr Creepies", as the children of Dunblane called Thomas Hamilton. They also colour the response to paedo-philia among the so-called respectable middle classes — in families or at boarding schools. The response there is often to take the adult's perspective, to pity the inadequa-cies that make him seek sex-ual satisfaction in this way. Judges can be lenient to middle-class offenders. Few people, including sometimes the wives of abusers, seem ready to admit how serious and damaging it is for an adult to impose sexual atten-tion on children.

ut to act on paedophilic impulses is almost always profoundly damaging, even if not always murderous. To engage in such acts, adults usually persuade themselves that children are consenting or even enjoying it, thereby dragging children into their distorted reality. Many children still don't reveal sexual interference because they are deeply con-fused. They don't know if an adult has authority, if they will be hurt and they fre-quently feel guilty for their

This is why I prefer the word paedophilia: the term sexual "abuse" has been used as being flashed, and is waved around by some feminists to describe almost all male sexual activities, it seems lessly corrupted and weak-ened. Some professionals reserve the term "paedophi-lia" for organised sex with children; they prefer terms like "incest" for inter-family abuse because it is less criminalised and therefore les guilt-provoking for the chil-dren involved. But I feel we calls about sexual abuse in 1995, and only 34 were taken any further. Still fewer led to successful prosecutions. The perversion.



Steady as she goes

John Biffen argues that despite ment and trade. The growing relaxed view on the prospects from the initial treaties. This range referendums both John all the IGC excitements of EMU and referendums, both John Major and Tony Blair could emerge as tepid Europeans

Westminster is alert to, per-haps obsessed by, the intergovernmental conference which has the task of considering the fulfilment of the

Maastricht treaty.

The Government has just published a white paper and this week it will be debated on the proposal that the House "do now adjourn". This caution is understand-able. The European debate has always been over-shadowed by Tory and Labour internal divisions; and the broken careers of Enoch Powell and Roy Jenkins are perpetual reminders of the dangers of a principled stand on these issues. Such dangers still lurk, although the Conservative Party, under John Major's leader-ship, has avoided self-destruc-

The debate goes wider than the IGC. There are two additional issues. These are the pursuit of a European Union single currency, and Kohl is not driven by purely secondly, the proposal that economic imperatives; he be-Britain's European future lieves that a united Germany should be subject to a referen-should proceed within a dum. It is a racing certainty united Europe and that any that these two issues will still other course is fraught with be running 18 months hence, potential armed conflict. Such and after the IGC discussions political aspirations for the have been settled. The British single currency do not rest public and politicians will easily with the British. They have a mixed European de view monetary matters as hate involving the IGC, mone | central to the economic probhate involving the IGC, mone | central to the economic prob-tary union and the referen- lems of the Union, which em-the powers of the European cies. Such co-operation will for Shropshire North

HE BRITISH have paid for their past neglect of post-war European development. At least things are different now. Politicians and the instance of the paid for their past and the instance of the paid for their past and the referendum make a potential paid for their past and the referendum make a potential paid for their past and the referendum make a potential paid for their past and the referendum make a potential paid for their past and the referendum make a potential part of the past and the referendum make a potential part of the past and the referendum make a potential part of the past and the referendum make a potential part of the part of th politicians and the institu-tions they serve. Those Con-servatives who have argued for a referendum on the single currency will soon dis-cover the Pandora's Box they have opened. Sir James is determined that the referen-dum should run wider than merely the question of mone-tary union. It is a view echoed by David Howell, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, but strongly repu-diated by most establishment Tories. Sir James has cash and charisma, and no one can predict where his colourful escapade will end. Likewise, the arguments

over the single currency have no certainty. Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl is dedicated to an early locking of the European national currencies into an irrevocable union. He has the predictable support of Commissioner Jacques Santer.

ish to be even more pragmatic and wary of economic and monetary union.

In the lively British con-cern with the referendum and

EMU it is hardly surprising that the agenda of the IGC has been given, until recently, rel-atively modest attention. It is, however, rather more than an amiable discussion about the workings of the Maastricht treaty, which is scheduled to last for a year before final decisions are taken. The IGC White Paper is a

good guide to the negotiating hand of the British. There is a general agreement that the European Union should be enlarged. There is a powerful ments, and they will oppose political case for welcoming any extensions of the Eurothe membership of Hungary. Poland and the Czech lands. Poland and the Czech lands.
This is partly because they need stability in the face of Russian uncertainty. On the other hand, these countries will add to the problems of the Common Agricultural Policy. In addition, economic liberalism is also losing some blocking tactics to bring of its appeal for eastern of its appeal for eastern about a less centralised Euro-Europe. There will be a renewed emphasis on social and industrial planning of the IGC will seek a reform lised European economy ex-

to take the most "centralist" operation plans being studied

view, particularly where the powers of the Parliament are concerned. Nonetheless, the British should note how close and experienced is the There is little scope for any attempt to prise apart Paris from Bonn. This has been amply shown by the speed with which "Gaullist" Chirac has been prepared to march behind the Germans in their pursuit of European objectives. The British are committed to practically a standstill policy on European institu-tional change. They will fight to maintain the present national voting arrange-

pean Parliament powers. Euro enthusiasts will find whether Britain can use her blocking tactics to bring about a less centralised Euro-

which will test the purity of of the Commission. It is althe single market. This will ready too large and will be sadden Euro-Thatcherites, expanded by the enlargment but it might help widen the of the Union. Reduction in the argument for a less centra- size of the Commission will be a matter of tangled debate, tending to agriculture and not least because size and effectiveness can be related. waits forever. The comin The final decision will give an year could see John Maj HE arguments over insight as to what role the political institutions have been well
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ence is concluded there will have been progress in the de-bate on the relationships be-

tween WEU and NATO. Malcolm Rifkind has made it clear that Britain will seek some modest restraints for the European Court of Justice. Hitherto, this has been regarded as a somewhat esoteric point, but the court, as guardian of the European trea-ties, has — perforce — a highly political function. It is likely to be a powerful agent for centralisation. It is uncertain how many states will share Britain's anxieties, but the Govern-ment is wise to place the argument upon the agenda. There is compelling evi-

dence that the IGC could have

a formidable workload and be much more than a stocktaking exercise. Germany is likely to force the pace, but the economic malaise will generally restrain European ambitions. It is easy to forget that the conference has a year or more to run before deci-sions are taken. Meanwhile, we shall have endless negoti ating statements, often more strident than measured. Negotiation by foghorn is a grim prospect. The final settlement will have to be taken after the last possible date for a Britis general election. Tony Bla will be obliged to behave wit the decorum of a prime min ter-in-waiting - even if and the Labour leader emer

John Biffen is Conservative Mi



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Helen Chadwick

At the edge of mystery and taboo

dividual artists in Britain

Her work was alarming, furny and deeply serious, and her reputation, which spread far outside the art world, rested on works which frequently caught the public imagination (while being lampooned by the popular press). It was Helen Chadwick who with her chocolate fountain, which, with its 750 kilos of molten Cadbury's chocolate, gurgled and glooped lugubri-ously. In the same year, 1994, with fine help of her partner David Notarius, she cast bronze sculptures, which sprouted like phallic mushrooms, from piss-holes they made in the snow. And, in the mid-1980s, it was Helen Chad-wick whose huge cube of fermenting vegetable matter, grass clippings and kitchen waste oozed black sileage over

waste cozet black sleege over the carpet at the ICA.

Yet she also made an ac-claimed BBC film about Frida Kahlo in 1992, wrote poems, haught and lectured. As a teacher at the Chelsea College of Art & Design and at the Royal College of Art, her wry and direct approach hrought zest, fun and a deep consider-ation of underlying issues to seminars and studio critiques. Unpretentious, pragmatic, a stickler for detail, she was also a delight to work with. Her curiosity, and her insight,

Much of her output found its final form in intensely coloured and brightly back-lit photographic pieces, but they always began with the physi-cal, and with the manipula-tion of forms and objects from the real world. Her work fo cussed on the body; on sexual ity, disease and unease, growth and decay. Grimness and gore have lately become the familiar motifs of cutting-edge art, yet Chadwick's lightness of touch, humour and her candour distinguished her

As an artist, Chadwick's intention was never simply to shock, although it was always clear that she wanted to shake us up. She produced works of cal nature, signal a kind of perverse beauty delighting in strange juxapositions and terials. She sewed lambs tongues together and cas them in bronze, she made cheeky sculpted penises and

with the organic in these gor-geous photo-works: orchids were surrounded by pink Windowlene, delphiniums floated in hairgel and bluebells soaked in oil and milk. Even the superficially repellent be-came beautiful: she played on our taboos, about the body and its place in the world. Her works were unnerving gifts from the unconscious.

Born in Croydon, she went to Brighton Polytechnic in the mid-1970s, moving to Chelsea for a one-year MA in 1976. Her first individual show was in 1978 at London's now defunct Art Net. A succession of indi-vidual and group exhibitions

She was always more at home in the personal — in the space of the body, in our own writhing interiors. Her works, sometimes literally, got unde our skins, and showed us how uncomfortable, and how marvelous and strange, it is to be in the world. Once, she painted out the yellow hearts of all the daisies growing on a lawn; she painted them black.

She rewrote the canon of beauty, challenged the aesthetic legacy and brought a fascination with impurity to her revolutionary exploration of spectacle

In the months before her death she was working at Kings College Hospital, in a unit devoted to Assisted Conception. There she made micro-photographs of human embryos for an exhibition which will open at the Barbican in May. These works, with their manipulated images are a meditation on both the beginning and the end of life, and in their cycli-

Marine Werner writes: When I first met Helen Chadwick more than 10 years ago, while

ELEN Chadwick, who has died suddenly aged 42, was a left the manufactured left the manuf sharp wit, in clothes that she found in places like Carnaby Street but which no one else would ever have made to look the way she did: there was a heraldic gold pin she always wore, showing a hand clasping a dagger, an emblem for her uncompromising fearlessness, and for her commitment to reverse-sex identification, to our "inherent bisexuality".

Her drive to perfection inspired craftsmanship of an unsurpassed meticulousness — she had a lovely, distinc-tive, fluent handwriting, made her own Christmas cards (often very wild, an Arcimboldo cluster of penises one year), she was a brilliant reader, coming upon the fas-cinating essay, the out-of-theway catalogue, the short story with an inspiring and rele-vant theme, and unfailingly generous with her insights and her discoveries. Anyone who was taught by her was truly fortunate — and she taught hard, to pay for the expensive procedures of her

electrics). She was curious about verything; and she brought to the subjects of her curios ity a mind so adventurous, so free from cant and preconcep-tion, so witty, so empathetic that she constantly extended the range of the visible world, and introduced new sensa-tions to her audience, new disturbances, unthought of pleasures, revulsion, inquisi-tiveness, satisfaction. Yet nothing she used to create these shivers was peculiar or rials were common stuffs, base materials: flower petals, vegetable peelings, washing-up liquid, chocolate.

Helen's mother is Greek, and she once laughed at my speculation that perhaps her deep curlosity about beauty and all its metamorphoses and reversals did perhaps have some connection with her name and its ancient Greek associations. In her art, which is marked by exceptional audacity of thought and exquisite process and technique, she rewrote the canon of beauty, challenged the aesthetic legacy and brought a tabooed fascination tionary exploration of spec-tacle, in all its forms. She worked — almost systemati-cally — through the tradi-



three years later, Of Mutabil-ity explored the rococo style, its flourishes and excess of gestures, and its obsession with transience.

In her exuberant, wild, open imaging of sex, she blazoned all manner of unmen-tionable parts with a kind of smiling pleasure in the pecu-liar character of desire and the sheer lumpy, bloody flesh-

She always took one further than one had expected, somehad an unerring and mischievous sense, in a world that only seems free of taboo, of where the taboos still lie, and look at medical specimens of biological oddities with new eyes, to see the beautiful in what is thought obscene or monstrods. She wrote to me, "I seem to be projecting imagined pysches on to seen physical phenomena." She was also exploring the origins of life and individuality: using frozen embryos that had passed their date. Through these strange radiant haloed pic-tures, she was also addressing the most fundamental ethical authority, about knowledge and its purposes; making such dilemmas visible.

She never said a dull or lazy working on a film which Gina ideal: the marvellous how to stir unexpected feel-word; she was the least cells. In Bad Blooms and Newson was making, she was early, 1983-85 sculpture selings through disclosing the mealy-mouthed person I wreathes To Pleasure, shown her own subject and model, quence Ego Geometria Sum with the ambitious light know, and she never lied to in Britain in 1994, she conher own "real allegory", with revisioned Euclidian solids pieces she was working on please. She was accrbic and

the point of making an exquisite erotic print after a recent visit of the roach extermina-tor to her house. She had a gift for deep feelings, to a degree that is rather rare: when she fell in love, with her when she led in love, with her partner David Notarius, it was an unexpected and over-whelming passion, before which she seemed almost awed. Together they made Piss Flowers, surely one or the most idiosyncratic personal, comic and at the same time delicate celebrations of

mingling bodies ever She was kind, too: generous with her time, and attentive. The last time I saw her, she insisted on walking with me

Her work was given a de-served accolade in the recent show in Paris, Feminin-Mas-culin, where Piss Flowers was just after Courbet's erotic masterpiece L'Origine Du Monde. It's commonplace to say that her loss is terrible: it's true of anyone, especially when death cuts a life short; language strains to meet such circumstances, to give just tribute. But in her case, nothing can take the place of her passion, her wit, her fineness of hand, her exploring, rest-

Helen Chadwick, artist, born May 18, 1953; died March 15, 1896 Oscar Abrams

A bird that flew in Islington

HE KESKIDEE Centre had been a mission hall, just off Islington's Caledonian Road. Step into it from the seventies and you would meet musicians, poets, painters, performers, dramatists and writers. Linton Kwesi Johnson, Nina Simone, James Berry, Sunshine Eikan Ogunde, Rufus Collins, were a few among many. Jamaica's prime minister Michael Manley visited, and it sometimes seemed that for London's black youth the Keskidee had become club, university, and home. It was London's first Afro-Caribbean cultural cen-

quietly spoken director.
Putting aside an architectural career, he used his sav-ings to buy the hall, named it the Keskidee, after the delicate but enduring Caribbean bird and became master of

was an all-round affair. Infestation on local estates resulted in a self-taught camera crew filming the rats -and showing their film to mitially disbelieving housing of-ficers. A local National Front meeting was aborted when a Keskidee crew turned the lights off one by one and drummed on every door lead-ing into the blacked-out hall ing into the friendliest of spaces, built its drama output and created a family where older African artists worked alongside younger Caribbear

All cultural projects have their ups and downs, but when black or innovative projects get into difficulties they usually seem to be closed. Yet when the Arts Council's with-Centre survived and the property was only sold in 1992.

for his contribution to Liver Holloway Youth Workshop's ism was continued through the Islington Black Socialists. the Labour Party and the local voluntary sector. Oscar's work celebrated the creativity of the peoples of the black diaspora. His energy was endless until he was struck down by cancer; his passion remained cricket and his was a good innings but it was more than just a

Oscar is survived by his wife Susanne and children Amab Rose and Kisi, and overseas.

Bill Harpe

Oscar Abrams, community orga-niser, born March 10, 1937; died

Roswell Gilpatric

Key man in Cuban crisis

Roswell Gilpatric. who has died aged 89, the world from nuclear war during the 1962 Cuban missile lieved to have been Jackie Kennedy's lover between the assassination of her husband and her marriage to Aristotle

Gilpatric was briefly under etary of the Air Force during the Truman administra tion, but showed little further interest in politics and returned to his law practice. But soon after John Kennedy's 1960 election, his wife was

W YORK lawyer to be told her husband was loswell Gilpatric. wanted urgently by Robert who has died aged 89, McNamara, the incoming Defence Secretary. Persuaded that it was not a hoax, the lawver sat in McNamara's car at Baltimore airport in a snowstorm, haggling about the terms on which he would become Deputy Secretary.
The debate of that period was whether America should

put all its military eggs into the nuclear basket or whether it should also build up forces for conventional war. Against Democratic opinion, Gilpatric favoured the Eisenhower Dulles doctrine of relying solely on nuclear weapons. In September 1962, US intel-

ligence discovered 42 Soviet missiles in Cuba, Moscow said they were purely defensive. But on October 14 aerial surveillance revealed an offensive launch pad under con-struction. The Central Intelligence Agency calculated that the missiles would be useable within 10 days. Cabinet hawks like National

Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy wanted to destroy the base with an air strike, but Pentagon analysts pointed out that to cripple all Russia's other military resources on the island would require some 500 sorties. No one could guess the Soviet response. the Soviet response.

An alternative proposal — Gilpatric's point because he respected his calm judgment.

McNamara, but the decision hung in the balance at the tive Committee set up to handle the crisis. As Kennedy hesitated, the normally taci-turn Gilpatric, convinced that nuclear war would be Ameri-ca's only likely military op-tion, broke in. "Essentially, Mr President," he said, "this is a choice between limited action and unlimited action. Most of us think it better to start with limited action. Robert Kennedy wrote later that the President accepted



The reports about Gilpa tric's relationship with Mrs Kennedy emerged when an unnamed Wall Street lawyer tried to sell letters she had written to him over five years beginning when her husband was still alive. It was never discovered how the lawver had acquired them, but the

letters were subpoensed by Gilpatric's third wife, then fil-

ing for separation.

The evidence was ambiguous, in spite of the sensation they caused. Much was made of one, written by Mrs Kennedy just after her marriage to essis. It read: "Dearest Ros. I would have told you before I left — but then everything happened so much more quickly than I'd planned. I saw somewhere what you had said and I was very touched — dear Ros — I hope you know guer be to me — With my love.

Jackie." Gilpatric denied that
the relationship had been anything but a friendship.

He had three children from

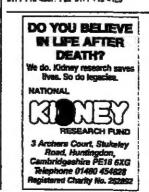
five marriages, four of which ended in divorce.

Harold Jackson Roswell Leavitt Gilpatric, lawyer and diplomat, born November 4. 1906; died March 15, 1996

Birthdays

Ron Atkinson, football manager, 57; Patrick Barlow, actor, writer and director, 49; Rene Clement, film director 83: James Conlon, conductor 46; Lois Dyer, pioneer of physiotherapy, 71: Pat Eddery, jockey, 34; Roger Evans, MP, under-secretary of state for social security, 49; John Fra-ser, actor, 65; Peter Graves, actor, 70; Alex Higgins. snooker player, 47; Prof Walter Ledermann, mathematician, 85; Kenny Lynch, singer and actor, 57; Prof Linda Partridge, evolutionary biologist, 46; Wilson Pickett, singer, 55; Courtney Pine, jazz saxo-phonist, 32; Alan Sapper, trades unionist, 65; Barry Shaw, chief constable, Cleve-land, 55; Nicholas Snowman, chief executive, South Bank Centre, 52; Ingemar Sten-mark, ski champion, 40; In Memoriam

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Playboys

"I LIKE WOMEN and I like women to like me. I like them to like the way I talk to them, to like the way I dress. And I like them to be well-dressed and attractive, but also to be sincere . . . I have enough money to pursue the sort of lifestyle I like. I wouldn't like to think that I had to put in an eight-hour day in order to eat caviare in the evening. I haven't had a serious relationship for 10 years, I don't want anyone to think might invite two or three of them to a house party or club. I like to be friends with them,

to have a good time talking

and a good time in bed but nothing more. I do want to find a nice wife, settle down haven't fallen in love yet. I women because I like to give them pleasure, but I can't do it often because I'm afraid of drawing them over the line between strong affection and

Misha Agroskin, 43-year-old Russian bachelor and entrepre

'I GUESS I get more attention than most men. Most of the girls know I'm worth a mint. I'm not like most millionaires who go on about how hard they work. I'm not ashamed of my money or what I do with it. Dad wants me to take over the company one day, so he's let-ting me have a little bit of fun first. During the season I ski and snowboard in Telluride or Aspen, and then I like to go white-water rafting with my buddies in Montana during the summer. Sometimes I hire the girls from my favourite strip club in Vegas to come along on long-haul flights. On

a recent trip we had four girls

of a party if you know what I mean. I love women, all women. I have an absolutely stunning girlfriend who is incredible in bed. I've never had better sex. The problem is that there are so many stunning babes around this town. I have tried to remain faithful to my girlfriend, but it's really hard. Yesterday, I was in my convertible on Mulholland Drive and this total urgetasm of a blonde called over to me at the lights and asked me for my car-phone number. I shouted it across and she called me two minutes later. We stayed at the Bel Air Hotel and had cocktails on the roof at midnight. If that happened to you, wouldn't you go for it too?

was real mile-high rocket-ride

Hal M Newport, 27-year-old man-about-LA, gives an insight into the lifestyles of the rich and not-so famous. The two were inteviewed by Marie Claire for its feature on "The Playboys". Other Marie Claire highlights this month include "My Twins Have Different Fathers". "Sent To Prison To Lose Weight" and "My Wife DO keep your eyes off the big Needs A Husband".

dancing for us at 35,000 feet. It | Pick me up

• AT THE ART gallery: DON'T say "My two-year-old could do that", or use the phrases "painterly". "post modern", "visionary", "nice' or punctuate anything you say with air quotes. DON'T order anything you can't pronounce, or the most expensive thing on the menu

because it's the most expen-sive thing on the menu. DO order anything you can eat tidily, noiselessly, and that won't repeat on you. DO order the most expensive thing on the menu if she DO let her know there are no strings attached, without being crass and obvious

about it. Let her know the pleasure of her company has been enough, without being smarmy about it. IN THE pub DON'T get drunk/in a fight/ pork scratchings/off with the barmaid. DO get your round in.

IN THE night club

DON'T dance if you can't or too vigorously if you can. DON'T sweat, snap your fin-gers or shout one of those young people phrases like "mental".

DON'T lose your dignity in any other way. DO respect your intuition if you feel too old, you probably are. DO know a quiet little unas-

suming place, just around the For playboys who need a little help, those first date dos and don'ts in full, courtesy of Men's Health magazine.

Soap flakes

Dear Mr. Berman, You complained of too much soap in your room so I had them removed. Then you complained to Mr Kensedder that all your soap was missing so I personally returned them. The 24 Camays which had been taken and the 3 Camays you are supposed to receive daily (sic). I don't know anything about the 4 Cashmere Bouquets. Obvinot know I had returned your soaps so she also brought 24 Camays plus the 3 daily Camays. I don't know where you got the idea this hotel issues bath-size Dial. I was able to locate some bath-size Ivory which I left in your room. Housekeeper

Dear Mrs. Carmen, Just a short note to bring you up-to-date on my latest soap



As of today I possess: On shelf under medicine cabi-net — 18 Camay in 4 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 2. On Kleenex dispens Camay in 2 stacks of 4 and 1 stack of 3. On bedroom dresser — 1 stack

John Updike, novelist, 64.

of 3 Cashmere Bouquet, 1 stack of 4 hotel-size Ivory, and 8 Camay in 3 stacks of 4. Inside medicine cabinet — 14 Camay in 3 stacks of 4 and 1 In shower soap dish - 6 Camay, very moist.

On northeast corner of tub ---Cashmere Bouquet, slightly On northwest corner of tub -

6 Camays in 2 stacks of 3. Please ask Kathy when she services my room to make sure the stacks are neatly piled and dusted. Also, ple advise her that stacks of more than 4 have a tendency to tip. May I suggest that my bedroom window sill is not in use and will make an excellent spot for future soap deliveries One more item, I have purchased another bar of bath-sized Dial which I am keeping in the hotel vault in

misunderstandings Mr Berman wins the day in the

concluding episode of the Diala-soap opera, the story of one man's struggle agains; a hotel bureaucracy, a tale being pased around on e-mail

Excuse the pan

THIS MONTH sees the second and final part of the paper by the Reverend P...D . . The Editor would like to point out that owing to printers' errors in last month's episode, the "allegories of Jesus" was rendered as the "allergies of Jesus" and the word "pun" was presented as

A correction from Beacon, the parish magazine for Brecon and district. Thanks to Anne

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Dan Glaister

Investing in social capital can help to counter spate of evil



Will Hutton

followed by more.

guards outside schools; more

intervention by the police. All

may help at the margins -yet even their most ardent ad-

vocates know that the next

Thomas Hamilton could evade such controls if he were

determined enough.

Real protection demands a

profound change in the character of British society and

culture individuals - espe-cially the growing number of

marginalised men living alone

- need to be integrated better into the networks of mutuality

and reciprocity on which a

well-functioning society rests. Then at least there may be

some chance of making the de-

Viant recognise the conse-

 and of embedding him in social relations that can act as a constraint. The spate of awful crimes highlights what we know in our guts: that Britain's stock of social capital is diminishing and unless it is replenished there is no longrun relief in sight.
Here, unexpectedly, some

new thinking in economics offers insights. A new wave of theorists, concerned that market mechanisms alone HE first shock is the cannot signal the economic event, awesome in its evil, horror and irrarewards resulting from colrewards resulting from col-laboration and co-operation, is exploring the role of social capital in advancing eco-nomic development — and how it is fostered. The capacity of an economic tionality. The second shock is that British society has become so deformed we can produce the individuals who commit such crimes. grouping to forge trust and recognise a mutuality of in-terests is emerging as no less Dunbiane, we sense, will be The reflexive instinct is to legislate for anything that might help. Tighter gun and knife control; more security important in fostering growth as is investing in physical and intellectual capital.

A group whose members trust each other can achieve more economically than a non-trusting group; the classic example is how farmers can economise on farm tools if they can trust in the capacity to borrow from other farmers. Equally, they can have leaner labour forces if. for example, one can be trusted to bale hay for another when idle, in the expectation that the favour will be returned. These trust rela-tions can be formalised into co-operatives and even local agricultural banking — so that the stronger the social networks, the more prosper-

ous the farming economy.

tant animator of industrial-isation. Trust is the cement that creates industrial clusters, innovative supply chains and long-term supportive finance; but trust cannot be created without a strong

> ROFESSOR Robert Puttnam, a political economist at Princeton, and Professor Douglass North, a Nobel prizewinning economist at Washington University in St Louis — have been prominent in arguing that social capital along with an economy's in-stitutional structure are fundamental to its performance. But economists working in

civic society and clusters of

a similar vein range from Harvard's Professor Michael Porter, who famously advocates that social clusters and networks of firms create self-generating growth circles, to Reading University's Profes-sor Mark Casson. The latter argues that even entrepre-neurship is based on trust, be-cause the production of highquality, innovative goods

relationship between the workforce, suppliers and fi-nanciers, integrity of produc-tion requires the integrity of trust relationships.
Social capital has, however,

been on the decline in the US, and Prof. Puttnam is concerned about its impact on the economic and social development of American capi-

The vast US legal industry is founded on the breakdown of trust as individuals turn to lawyers to police contracts; the financial services industry is overblown because individuals need financial instru ments that protect against risk as trust relations dimin-ish; the explosive growth of crime and the prison popula tion is intimately related to the orgy of corporate downsizing, causing falling real wages and marginalising unskilled men.

The new, untrusting American corporations generate ativity and organic growth but by destroying what seems to be costly social layering. This may have short-run benefits, but in the long run it picking up on the theme, em | demands an integrity of imperils the good society south, the typical unit is the loser. History matters. On the

economy. Nor is the US alone. In Britain there is the same erosion of trust relations which leads to industrial and financial short-termism, and is corroding trust relations in the wider society — reflected in these moments of horrific social breakdown. Hamilton, left alone to his own macabre devices in his Stirling house, became a moral outcast un-able to empathise with the plight of his victims or their families. The decline of social capital infects economy and

society alike. TET from whence racy Work (Princeton University Press), shows how when the Italians regionalised their political system in 1970 it was those regions with the great civic traditions and rich in social capital, with dense networks of clubs, associations and civic action groups (in-cluding trade unions), notably Emilia-Romagnia and Umbria, that exploited the op-portunities best. In the poor

individualistic, inward-look-ing nuclear family which stays aloof and apart from civic life — and those regions were less successful.
They found it much harder

to launch themselves on the same virtuous circle of autonomous government reinforc-ing the civic tradition and so enhancing social capital.

Nor was this just a political and social gain; in the north

the benefits spilled over into the dynamic small-firms sector — itself profiting from the same trust relations and high social capital that allowed small firms both to co-operate in the development of new social capital? Prof.
Puttnam's study of
Italy, Making Democpete. Successful regional governments put in place struc-tures to support that collaboration — and those in turn became part of the local social network.

Some of this civic tradition and social capital has roots that go back to the Middle Ages — with the depressing implication that if a society has not got the historical underpinning for social capi-tal it is preordained to be a other hand. Prof. Puttnam notes that after 20 years there are the first signs that even in the Italian south a civic parning, with knock-on effects on the economy and society. New institutions can make a differ

ence: but it takes time. In Britain, however, social capital and trust have been under assault from two direc tions. In the first place, the insistence that only individ-ual bargains in markets can organise economy and society efficiently has helped gener-

NDIVIDUALS are exhorted to capture as much gain as possible and structures have been created from the NHS to the labour market — in which that exhortation is matched by a new pattern of legal and eco-nomic incentives. Mutuality of obligation is secondary to self-interest; strong public services are secondary to tax

The other impact on social capital has been the marked decline, which Prof. Puttnam observes in the US, of civic and social life, and the weak-

social institutions in offering any counterbalance. The Americans are joining and participating less, he reports, a trend that is matched in Britain.

so-called dependency culture; be focuses on new forms of recreation, which require less social interaction, as one of the causes. For example, he is not so concerned with the growth of violent films on TV so much as the rise of televi-sion-watching itself as dis-placing social and civic activity. And that activity in turn is less attractive because the new rootlessness of aggressive market economies makes it hard to have any long-run stake in the outcome of activity that is based in one permanently changing neighbour-

These arguments point to a more subtle response to Dun-blane than looking for topdown legislative mechanisms of social control and coercion to solve the problem — while in the economy further promoting atomistic market rela-tions. The task is rather to rebuild trust and social capital.

Such a development, coupled with a drop in headline retail price inflation to around 2's per

cent this week, should help to

prevent an escalation in pay settlements. This combination

of stable wags imitation, declin-ing producer price inflation, ris-ing unemployment and stagnat-

ing manufacturing output,

seems to provide strong support

for the Chancellor's recent deci-

sion to cut have rates. Indeed

since these conditions will prob-

ably persist for several more months, the Chancellor may

feel inclined to keep interest

However, we are approaching

cycle. Once the stock adjust-ment is complete, the economy,

led by consumer spending

seems set to pick up strongly,

helped in part by recent cuts in

base rates and taxes. Forward

ning to flash amber again. The most striking of these has been

the doubling in broad money

growth over the past year. This does not pose any imme-

diate threat to the Govern-ment's inflation target. The

Bank of England is right to believe that the odds favour a de-

cline in underlying retail price inflation to below the govern-ment's target ceiling of 21/2 per

cent over the next year.

raies on a downwards path.

hood

Chancellor ready

How Labour will act to end insecurity at work

Debate

Michael Meacher

Michael Heseltine has been humiliated again, with the Whitehall-inspired leak of his plan to remove rights at work from 10 million employees of small husinesses. Today sees a Par-liamentary debate on his initiative, called for by Labour.

But behind the red faces and denunciations, the true story will be one of job insecurity. now one of the biggest prob loms facing our society. The facts are startling. Nearly nine million people, one in three men and one in five women, have experienced at least one spell of unemploy

ment since 1992. One in five

households have no working

adult. And surveys show that

more than half the British

workforce believe that their job is becoming less secure. Job insecurity - written off only a few months ago as "a state of mind" by the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang - has a major effect on | wage costs to the level of the |

seconomic performance. It | Third World. Our only hope is | new right to recognition. | in return for a succession of | work should be extended to damps the housing market And it threatens productivity When Labour takes office tackling insecurity will have to be a top priority. It is time that the party spelled out clearly how this will be done.

The labour market is changing fast. People will change jobs more frequently during their careers than they did in the past. The demarcation lines between skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled work will start to blur. The technological sophistication of mannfacturing and service pro-cesses will increase. The need to equip our people to cope with these changes is evident. But can we create a labour force both flexible and secure? This might sound like a contradiction. To the Tories, stat-utory protection at work destroys jobs. The way to competitive advantage is through wage cuts and the progressive undermining of working conditions. Unless manager, of course, in which case you need enormous pay rises as an "incentive". But Britain can never cut its

through productivity and through quality. That requires motivation and commitment. of the kind that can never be achieved through fear. Em-ployees require basic guarantees of fair treatment if they are to be stakeholders in the success of their organisations and their society. A clear framework of legal rights at work is therefore essential.

ees in the relevant pargaining group wish to be represented in negotiations with their emplover by a trade union, we will give them that right. We will also give individual employees the right to be represented in disciplinary and grievance hearings. Black-listing of union members will be t outlawed. It is time to stop the endless see-saw of British in-

it is time to stop the endless see-saw of industrial relations in this country

tive, which only applies to multinationals and which has aiready been activated in the UK by many of them. But the Chapter does represent a com-mitment to rights of informasuring that every employee is reasonably informed about their organisation and involved in its future.

That is why Labour will dustrial relations, with macho sign up to the Social Chapter.
To begin with, it will consist one moment and aggressive of little more than implement—unions at another. That can ing the Works Councils Direc-tive, which only applies to social partnership approach that has brought success to

countries as diverse as Ger many and Australia. We will also act to prevent the growing exploitation of part-time, temporary and contract workers. Such cases flood into my office: a low-paid employee at the Victoria and Albert museum, forced to sign

skilled draughtsman required by his employment agency to accept in advance legal liability for anything he does at his work; ASDA supermarkets of fering new low-pay contract to Sunday workers.

There is no good reason why part-time and temporary workers should not enjoy, pro rata, the same rights as full-time colleagues.

We will introduce a National Minimum Wage, to

prevent the competitive undercutting of pay and condi-tions that disfigures and damages so many industries, from clothes manufacturing to contract cleaning.

Much is made of employer

opposition to the NMW. But more and more employers in these sectors would welcome it, precisely to give them — and the quality of the products and services they offer ome protection from competition through cost-cutting. We can and will set the level of the NMW through negotia-tion, but the principle is

people with disabilities. Reasonable limits on working hours need to be set, ending the Tories' futile resistance to the European Union's Work ing Hours Directive. The in dustrial Tribunal system, which enforces many of these rights, must be reformed to ensure speedy and efficient ac-

cess to justice at work.
Tory claims that these measures are not compatible with flexibility in the workplace are wrong. Labour also seeks major improvements in train-ing and further education to equip employees with the skills they need.

Insecurity at work does not lead to innovation and entre-preneurial behaviour. It leads to caution, rejection of responsibility and avoidance of risk. That is not what we want for our people, and not what our country needs, Turning around Britain's long, slow, economic decline will not be easy. But tackling job insecurity is an essential first step.

Michael Meacher is Shadou

Tony Atkinson, who wrote last week's debate, is warden of

Employment Secretary.

firmly established.
There is much else that needs to be done. Legislation Labour will also create a away his employment rights against discrimination at Nuffield College, Oxford.

for one last cut shock. Although the data can be Commentary erratic from month to month, a few months of rising unemploy ment is now likely.

David Walton

Last week, Ian Shepherdson of HSBC Capital Markets argued that interest rates would fall to 5 per cent. Today a contrary view

"HE economy is in the midst of an inventory adjustment. Over the past year, industry has been producing more than it can sell, leav-ing unsold goods on the shelves. Companies have begun to bring output back into line with demand, as evidenced by the 0.6 per cent drop in manufacturing output in the latest three

Although there are clear signs of a strengthening in consumer spending, manufacturing output is likely to remain depressed for several more months until the stock adjustment has run its full course. This should keep GDP growth below trend during the first half

The weakness in manufacturing output is putting strong downward pressure on the rate of increase in factory gate prices. Core producer output price inflation has come down September to 3.7 per cent in February, prices increased at an annualised rate of only 1.4 per cent in the latest three months. Underlying retail price inflation has been more stable but it is only a matter of time before falling inflation in the manufacturing sector becomes

more widespread. When companies cut output, it is usually not long before they cut employment too. It was therefore no great surprise to see manufacturing employment fall sharply last month, reversing the entire gain recorded in the previous three months. By the same token, the 6,800 rise in unemployment recorded in February should have come as no

However, the prospects of maintaining inflation below 2/2 per cent during the second half of 1997 and in 1998 are becoming less certain. This argues for cau-

tion from now on m the conduct of monetary policy. Politics aside, we could already have seen the last base rate cut. More probably, the Chancellor will cut rates by another 25 basis points between now and mid-year before they stabilise. The hancellor risks an embarrassing policy U-turn ahead of the general election if he tries to go much further than this. David Walton is director of UK

Senator's Dole-beater Tricky Dicky summed up

Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

"VEN those of us who hate going to the pictures should toodle alone to watch Anthony Hopkins being President Nixon, if only to thank the great man (Sir A, that is) for his brilliant portrayal of a small farmer perse-cuted by the Brussels goon squad in the 1989 BBC television play Heartland. Expect the Nixon film to

theory, however - conven-tional wisdom has it that were at work in his alleg-RN was a foreign-affairs genius (China, and, er ... China), but a domestic-polley duffer. Yet at the very moment this wisdom is enshrined in an expensive ciné production, it begins to fall apart. Nixon's assorted economic

"game plans" took a terrible slating for their inconsistency, but in retrospect can be seen as an admirable willingness to try anything as long as the beneficiary was the American worker. Game Plan I (1969-71) followed by the Keynesian

Plan II (January-August | makes inevitable the rule 1971) and the emergency of the foreign-exchange Plan III. phase one controls package of August 1971, which took the dollar off the gold standard. Phase two, from November 1971, was essentially corporatist. The long decline of average American incomes began in 1974, the year ment, Coincidence?

Two decades on, cosying up to the killers in Peking seems less clever than once it did, whereas the game plan era is washed in all the nostalgía due a golden age. Expect the Nixon film to Perhaps the same ideas be light on economic that guided his supposedlyedly-useless economic agenda. If so, RN would not have bought the myth that thought that's enough to

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of the foreign-exchange markets and free trade. In Real Peace, (Sidgwick & Jackson; 1984), he rips into the "logical fallacy" of confusing means with inten-tions. It is, he says, the grand-daddy of myths.

He was discussing nu-clear weapons, not automated dealing systems. But what goes for a Trident missile goes for a Reuters screen. Technology, in other words, is neutral; electronic funds transfer no more "brought about" unrestricted movement of capital than the invention of the Sten gun caused the Malaya emergency.

Perhaps this lesson has to be relearned every generation or so, a depressing 'technological change' drive you to the pictures.

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Briefing

Richard Thomas

YING on Bill Clinton's desk, next to the the but-ton for the A-bomb, is a new weapon: the A-corp. Designed purely for domestic po-litical use, the A-corp — standing for "Business Allied with America's Working Families" — could be the cen-trepiece of Mr Clinton's campaign to keep Bob Dole out of the White House.

It is the work of Senator
Jeff Bingaman, who has just

published the final version of his ideas. By our standards he is a dangerous radical. Here, for example, are a few

of the nurdles to A-corpdom: 3 per cent of payroll must be spent on pensions, and 2 per cent on training; half the cost of workers' health insurance met; an employee equity-shar ing plan established; management share options phased out; a maximum ratio of 50:1 between the pay of the boss rained; and at least 90 per cent of new investment on goods for sale in America spent in the US.

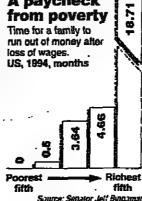
In return, A-corps will pay tax at a rate of around 11 per

cent, compared with 18 per cent for the others.

As proof of his determination to enact the proposals legislation is already being drafted — the senator has changed some details after consultation with business

about an earlier draft. On a cosmetic level, the Acorp has replaced the R-corp. or Responsible Corporation. The reason, as a Bingaman staffer explains, is purely po-litical: "The R-corp sounded too much like we were setting good corporations against the bad. 'Alliance' is more politically palatable Being non-allied sounds bet-

ter than being irresponsible.



A paycheck

The investment qualifications have also been watered down: in the original version. a minimum level of capital spending that had to be in the

US, regardless of the destina-tion of the product. Now this

rule only applies to goods bound for the US market.

Should the A-corp idea fail, Mr Bingaman has another card up his sleeve. The A-fund — "Financial Markets Allied to America's Working Families" - is a new name for an old idea, a transactions

In this scheme, stocks and

shares would be subject to a dimunishing transfer tax. A share bought and sold within six months attracts a rate of 0.48 per cent. falling by 0.12 percentage points each half year, disappearing altogether for securities held for more than two years.

Again, this is a shift of position from the eariler draft, which proposed a flat-rate 0.6 Unsurprisingly, Mr Binga-

man's ideas have provoked howls of protest on Wall Street, and silent support from only a few corporations. But the senator still thinks the President - who privately looks kindly on many of the reforms - might turn to the A-corp and A-fund if the going gets rough in November.

Indicators -

TODAY — JP: Trade balance (Feb). UK: Retail sales (Feb) JP: GDP (G4) UK: Minutes of Februs UIC: PSBR (Feb). TOMORROW -- US: Housing starts

US: Building permits (Feb).
FR: Current account (Dec) GERE WPI (Feb).

WEDNESDAY - US: Trade: goods JP: Leading indicator (Jan) GER: M3 (Feb)
UK: Building society

THURSDAY -- US: Weekly joble claims (w/e Mar 16th). US: Business inventories (Jan). JP: Household spending (Jan) UK: RPI (Feb).

FR: Household spending (Feb). FR: BOF Council meeting. FRIDAY -- QER: PPI (Feb). UK: C2! Industrial trends survey

Source, DKB International

Masterstroke lifts **Monty for Masters**

Mchael Britten in Dubal

OLIN Montgomerie played the percentthe Emirates Club esterday and won the Desert Classic with exactly the score he had predicted.

In a performance notable for its power and precision the European No.1 marked his return to the circuit after a three-month lay-off with a one-stroke victory over Miguel-Angel Jimenez.

Australia's Robert Willis took third place ahead of last year's winner Fred Couples, who swept past Ian Woosnam and Peter Baker with a clos-

ing 65.

Montgomerie shot a final round of 68 for the 270 total he had forecast would secure him his 10th European victory, but more impressive than the accuracy of his crys-

which he mastered his determined Spanish rival.

It was a majestic driver shot from the 18th fairway which carried some 240 yards over the lake guarding the green and deposited his ball some 15 feet from the flag. With a one-stroke lead and a certain birdie in hand, it meant Jimenez had to make an eagle three from a similar position to tie. The task was beyond him. Montgomerie's boldness

means he will be heading for the United States next weekend with sky-high confidence in his shot-making ability. "I gave myself a lot to do at the last," he said, "but I hit drivers from the fairway as well as anybody and that one was 80-20 in my favour. I was second last year, I didn't want

Fryatt stays cool in Indonesia

BRITAIN'S Edward | said. "I just tried to hold on Fryatt gained his first | and play as best as I can in international success yes-terday when a level-par 71 in his final round secured the Indonesian Open in Jakarta by three shots.

He collected a cheque for £27,750 after finishing with Rutledge carded a 64 to a 13-under-par 271. His claim a bonus of £1,650 and nnal round included three birdies and three bogeys.
"I am surprised to win this championship," he of 68.

the hot sun."

Fryatt had shaved one shot from the course record with a 65 on Friday but it did not stand for long. Yes-terday the Canadian Jim

tal ball was the stroke with | lost all five play-offs in which he has appeared, including those for the US Open and US PGA championships. But this victory was just reward for the expert manner in which he stalked the pacemaker Jimenez and then mastered

The Spaniard, who had started with rounds of 63 and 68, held on to the lead for 60 holes but lost the initiative when he three-putted the short 7th after Montgomerie birdied from 10 feet.

Jimenez went two behind when he added to his thirdround seven at the 13th with a six, again three-putting. He responded by almost holing his approach to the 14th and was back level when Montgomerie had his only bogey of the day at the short 15th. But from the middle of the 16th fairway the Spaniard missed the green with an eight-iron and then a crucial four-foot

The Scot earned £108,330 to leap into second place — behind Woosnam — in the money list, which he has headed for the past three years. Only a rash man would wager against him gaining a record-equalling fourth Order of Merit and that elusive first

major title this season.

"I will be going to the Masters as confident as I have ever been about this game," said Montgomeris. "Cutting my weight by two stone has not hindered my game, it has helped it. I could not have asked for a better start."



Winning shot . . . Montgomerie talks his fairway drive over water and on to the 18th green

Faldo gripes at his putting and the grain of Bay Hill to 81 in the last from 141 to 81 in the last

David Davies in Orlando

TITH no fewer than II) players within four shots of the lead after three rounds of the Bay Hill Invitational here in Florida, all manner of men had a

There was, given that it was St Patrick's Day, a case for backing one of the joint lead-ers at 10 under par. a man vhose birthday March 17 is, and which day provides his which is perverse because ac-Christian name: Patrick cording to the latest set of sta-

Faid O'Nick is allowed.

and 14th place on the Amarican money list. But on Saturday there were two glaring instances of fallibility with putts of a length that a good player expects, rather than atmoby hopes, to hole. latter he would have joined Burke and Guy Boros in the

lead. The Englishman faltered, however, on the greens. Burke.

Mark O'Meara, two behind on 208, had the right surname

tistics he is the best in that department on the US Tour.

He is averaging only 28 putts

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He had already reached seven under par after 14 holes and he played the 15th perfectly at first. The drive could not have been more ideally placed and his second shot, a six-iron which had to carry a bunker and stop sharply on a

glance at Fanny Sunesson, his caddle, and marched off to the long 16th, a real birdle opporiong leth, a real birdle oppor-tunity. Eventually, after two well-struck woods, he was faced with a slippery chip from the back of the green that had to be weighted so that it would reach the edge of a minor precipice and then fall down to the hole under its

own steam. The Englishman, to an audible accompaniment from a He missed again at the 18th, television commentator in a from around 10 feet, and had tower who was telling his auto be content to be in a chal-

credentials, but after him the large of play through the green, find, unless, in desparation, Fald O'Nick is allowed.

Fald O, having struck the faldo, having struck the large on the American find the large of the cliff, saw it take the plunge and finish four feet away. It was a masterly shot

and it deserved a birdle. But Faldo hit the putt too hard, afterwards he muttered about "Bay Hill grain", but the putt was simply pushed as well as being too fast for the chosen line. When it missed he bent double over his putter, trying to absorb the shock.

Watson. If ever a man has been betrayed by his putter over the past decade or so it is Watson, who has won only once since 1984. The American has given

the game a new term, "the flinches", because when the pressure is on and he has a holeable putt he tends to rear up and away from it, literally flinching from the moment of contact. He began yesterday three off the lead — and 172nd

Racing

Rough Quest taken out of **Grand National**

Chris Mawridne

OUGH QUEST, runnerup in the Tote Gold Cup, will not run in the Martell Grand National. He was ante-post favourite at 7-1 and appeared "thrown in" at the weights with only 9st 13lb. over the last 10 years, but Terry Casey, who trains Rough Quest, and the owner, Andrew Wates, made the difficult decision yesterday morning after a lengthy discussion.

"He's jumping out of his skin and absolutely sparkling," said Casey. "I'd even say the Cheltenham race has brought him on, but we think too much of him to risk him. He's a horse who could go on to win the Gold Cup if we look after him."

Casey is not keen on the National — Glenrue, his only runner so far fracturing a pelvis when falling at the third — although the race is much less daunting than it

Rough Quest appears so well that rather than the National he could run in the Martell Cup, the three-miles conditions event at Aintree on the opening day of the

Lo Stregone now leads the National betting at 7-1 with Ladbrokes, who then go 10-1 Young Hustler and Deep Bramble, 12-1 Son of Wer and

14-1 Life Of A Lord. Good ground will suit Life Of A Lord, trained by Aidan O'Brien and the mount of Charlie Swan, and the Irish

three davs. Gordon Richards is still not convinced that One Man was himself when fading dramati-cally in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, although the results of various tests taken on the grey have not yet come back.
"He's sound in every way

and looks all right, but he's a bit flat," said Richards. "We've had his blood done and have had him scoped and sent away some fluid from his One Man appeared to be go-ing well enough until three

from home, but Richards was apparently never really happy while watching the

in his races and I'm not just putting it down to him not staying. I think there's more to it than that," he said. Whatever the reason, the Cheltenham Festival is definitely not Richards's meeting He has had 39 runners there

only one winner. Jump racing takes a backseat for a week or so now with the start of the Flat at Doncaster on Thursday tollowed by the Lincoln Handican on Saturday and the Dubai World

Cup on Wednesday week The latter event over a mile and a quarter on durt is worth over \$4 million and features the American wonder horse

Ladbrokes make Cigar, who suffered a stone bruise on a foot three weeks ago, even money favourite. Halling, whom he beat pointless in the Breeders Cup is a 5-1 chance, but is on his home ground. Geoff Wragg sent over Pen-

tire to acclimatise nearly a month ago and is personally supervising his preparation. Pentire, second to Lammtarra in the King George, is 6-1.

Pennekamp, hot favourite for the Epsom Derby but in-jured in the race, adds greatly to the interest and Mike Dil-lon, Ladbrokes's ante-post man, has priced him at 10-1. In the Lincoln, Sharp Prospect, trained by that big handicap specialist Reg Ake-hurst, is 8-1 favourite. Sharp at Doncaster's opening fix-ture last year, but was off the placed in the Newbury Spring

last year's runner-up Moving with Hill's. Moving Arrrow failed by a short-head to get up last year, racing on the stands side with the winner.

Roving Minstrel. The draw has always been the single most important facvaried over the years, but last season high numbers had no chance and betting ante-post st this stage is a mug's came.

At Southwell this after noon, Tempering (4.00), the formidable course specialist. is napped in the Farmers Weekly Handicap, Despite two wins this season he is "He didn't really seem to mark of two years ago.

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CRICKET WORLD CUP FINAL

Mike Selvey in Lahore sees cricket's great entertainers deservedly win the final with another dazzling display

Sri Lanka light up the World uproar as

night under the dafi Stadium floodlights when they beat Austra lia by seven wickets to win the World Cup, 15 years after they became a Test-playing nation. They are the first side to win the trophy by chasing. for Sri Lanka and their cap-tain Arjuna Ranatunga, who was presented with the giant antique-silver trophy by Paki-stan's prime minister Benazir

Twenty-two deliveries remained when Ranatunga, who as a 17-year-old had batted in his country's first Test, leaned back and delicately ran Glenn McGrath to the third-man boundary to reach 47 and launch celebrations in

At the other end Aravinda de Silva, master batsman, raised his arms in triumph before disappearing into a mob of team-mates and supporters. In the previous over the finest of leg-glances had given him his 12th boundary to take him to 103 and a place in the World Cup history books alongside Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards as the only batsmen to score a century in a final. Together the pair had compiled a fourth-wicket partnership of 97 — De Silva finishing with 107 — and overhauled with ease Austra-lia's modest 241 for seven.

Asanka Gurusinha had put things back on course with a third-wicket partnership that vielded 125 after Australia had dismissed the pinch-hitters Jayasuriya and Kaluwitharana by the sixth over.

The impact of this victory will be massive. For years Sri Lankan cricket has been treated shabbily by many, its talents going unrecognised. Nor had it enjoyed the smoothest of passages into the tournament. In Australia this winter accusations were made of ball-tampering and the offspinner Muralitharan was no-balled for throwing by the umpire Darryl Hair. Mur-alitharan paud the Australians back with interest yesterday, throttling their middle order with a sevenover spell that cost only 15

of Australia and West Indies to travel to Sri Lanka for their group matches in the wake of a suicide bombing in the capital. However understandable that might have been, it rankled

achieved against the odds, for Sri Lanka were no underdogs. It was founded on spin bowling that kept the Australia in-nings in check at a time when it might have pressed on to a more competitive total, on top-class catching in the deep and on batting of the highest

Australia, by contrast, never quite found their way after a start that had seen them to 137 for one by the 27th over. Only Mark Taylor (74)



Victory waltz . . . Sri Lanka begin the celebrations which were destined to last all night as defeat starts to sink in for Australia

catch to square leg On this of all days the Aus tralia batsmen chose not to dig in but get themselves out. with Taylor caught on the sweep, Fonting bowled makg too much room Stove Waugh turning his bat too early and skying a catch to long-on from the leading edge, and Stuart Law slicing to backward point. No one

sold himself dearly. They were hampered by the combined spin of Muralitharan. Dharmasena, De Silva, whose three wickets meant it was quite a day for him, and Jayasuriya. From the 24th over, when Taylor hit the last of his eight boundaries there was a midwicket six from him as well — until Bevan struck two fours in the penultimate over, the rope had been crossed only once, in the 43rd over, when Bevan

pulled Dharmasena for six.

Waugh had chipped a gentle | vantage, although Australia catch to square leg | would have batted first anyway had Ranatunga not won the toss and, as is the Sri Lankan preference, decided to bat was academic, but Ranatunga enced by the visit his side made on Saturday night to see the ground under lights. A similar visit by Australia

might have changed their own thinking - in the event their howlers were hampered increasingly by a heavy dewfall as the evening wore on and not to have made it was an uncharacteristic oversight in usually meticulous plan-ning. It meant that Shane Warne in particular was handicapped and his quota of overs cost 58. Nothing can detract from the quality of the Sri Lanka

batting, however. Just as in their semi-final they lost the benefit of an explosive start, and Ricky Ponting, who made | When Australia wanted to | with Jayasuriya deemed run-45, looked in any measure of | crack on there was nothing | out by the third umpire — a control while they were at the crease, adding 101 for the second wicket after Mark side batting second had an ad-pull to midwicket.

harsh decision — and bursting into life once more Kaluwitharana mistiming a with a series of withering pull to midwicket.

tion stuff, led by De Silva, who on-drove his first ball for three with such majesty that runs for him looked an inevfrom Gurusinha, whose norto an assault on Warne that culminated in one of the strokes of the tournament, a pull cudgelled miles over long-on. With Sri Lanka always up with the required min-rate, it was a needlessly rash stroke that cost him his wicket as he heaved mightily at Reiffel and was bowled having made 65 from 99 balls. But any thoughts of a breakthrough for Australia disappeared with the appearance of Ranatunga, who running a ball fine to the third-man boundary, and never locked back. His gem of an innings, scored from 37 balls, took the pressure from De Silva, who was content to work the ball around before



Class cut . . . De Silva posts another boundary: ** KE HEWITT

fans rejoice

David Hopps sees a city rejoice after

so much heartache

VEN in its most har

rowing times, Sri Lanka has never lost the sound of laughter and, long after mid-night, streets in Colombo serted for much of the day rang out in rowdy celebration of their coming of age. Twenty-one years ago, in their first World Cup match. Sri Lanka were dis missed for 86 by West Indies and realised the gulf they must bridge to become a principal Test nation. Before this tournament they had won four of 26 World Cup matches. Now their progression was complete.

They swarmed in their tens of thousands last night capital's favourite gathering point, to blare their car horns, toast Sri Lanka's World Cup victory in arak — the local coconut-based fire water — and dance and sing to the rhythm of the

"What happened Shane Warne?" became the mantra - a reference to the man perceived as the prime lia's decision to forfeit their opening group match in Colombo. One of the most insistent songs was This Land Belongs To Us, and such lyrics cannot be sung in Sri Lanka without lying weariness brought about by tears of terrorist

Amid the joy there was a consciousness that there would be no more crushing time for the Tamil Tigers to launch a terrorist attack than at the occasion of their greatest sporting

chievement. Fahmy Nazick had been spared another night entertaining the tourists in the karaoke but he was about the only man steering clear of Galle Face, "Everybody has the match fever," he said, "even the security forces. God help us if the

our faces.
"Our cricketers have et. The schools in Colombo have only just re-opened. Our children's education has been falling apart and wondering whether they

"Cricket has always been a unifying force in Sri Lanka. When I was a kid. the Jayawardenas at the top of the street would play the Ramanadans at the bottom. Now my five-year-old daughter comes home and tells me that someone is a Tamil. I'm horrified."

Most Sri Lankans marked the final with private family get-togethers but in the Blue Elephant night club a boisterous crowd served by

Lankan flag gathered to watch their triumph unfold on two hig screens, blowing whistles, applauding every single and dancing with delight at every boundary.

No occasion in Sri Lanka

is too momentous for hilarity. They laughed at the mere mention of Kaluwith-arana's name, cherishing his batting style for its cra-ziness: they laughed for the umpteenth time at the Bricsson Mobile Phone ad businessman mistakenly imagines that a beautiful young woman is asking him out to dinner; and they laughed longest at the revelation, as De Silva finished face down in the dust, that Gurusinha had been involved in 24 run outs in his

Sri Lankan cricket is changing but there is still a happy-go-lucky element to their game that is marvellous to witness. No one sums up that mood more than De Silva; no more popular player could have led Sri Lanka to victory.

Yesterday morning, in the bookshop of the Taj Sa-mudra hotel, Keerthi Munasinghe had talked of Sri Lankan folklore and how nadiya — the jackal regarded as the lowest of all animals. "The crowd is the dustbin of Sri Lanka, and only the jackal will eat it." he said. "For that reason it is despised."

Australia's forfeit of their group match had caused their High Commis-sioner to be taunted with the cry of nadiya — "Hu, Hu, Hu" — when he presented the prizes after Sri Lanka's victory against Ke-

nya in Kandy. As the cameras focuse last night on a defeated Australian team, the jackal was the response of a country getting even and, as always, relishing every minute of it.

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Basketball

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ARK ROBINSON will be among the All-Stars at Leicester on Wednesday

Giants' American forward Bugner a licence to fight in and leading scorer, was taken Britain and Welch's comout of Saturday's Budweiser League game at the Granby Halls and forced to spend a restless hour on the bench as the Leicester Riders over-turned a one-point half-time

Hanks may have decided that his All-Star was displaying all too much individual brilliance. Robinson showed little inclination to pass in scoring 16 of the Giants' first 24 points, by which time they

were 10 points down. Manchester ended the half with a 10-2 burst to take a 54-53 lead but then fell to Leicester's hot shooting. Gene Waldron, with a season's-best 41 points, and Rich Aigner (28) led the Riders on a 19-5

both their starting big men. "It was quite strange," said the Leicester coach Jon

It was Manchester's third

Hockey

Cannock drawing close to first title

Pat Rowley

WEEKEND of remarkable high scoring saw Cannock and Reading emerge as the only clubs with a realistic chance of winning the National League Reading, though, are now the only club capable of a cup and league With Cannock scoring a 7-0

win at Bournville and Reading beating Canterbury 3-1.
Guildford, Southgate and
Loughtonians were all effectively eliminated from the
race for the championship. Cannock will make certain

of their first national title on Sunday week if they draw their home game with South-gate. Should Cannock lose, Reading will still need to win at Havant to be champions. playing in Europe next year over Southgate. disappear completely at the weekend Loughtonians, the

form to beat Southcate 5-3 in the cup and Guildford 3-1 in

the league yesterday. Guildford, the cup holders, had lost only once previously this season, but were beaten on both days, being knocked out of the cup 4-2 by Reading. Reading and Loughtonians will be joined in the semi-final draw by Teddington, 4-2 winners over Conterbury, and East Granstead, 4-3 vic tors at Havant. East Grinstead won again yesterday, beating Trojans 2-1 to condemn the Southampton club to relegation.

Individual stars of the weekend were Rob Crutchley with his fifth league hat-trick for Cannock, Reading's Paddy Osborn who took his league goal tally to 149, and Jason Guildford and Southgate Lee with a cup hat-trick in both saw their dreams of Loughtonians' shock 5-3 win

loswich appear to be the only club who can achieve a women's cup and league double. They moved second, behind Hightown, in the National League after a 1-0 win over Clifton and reached the quarter-finals of the AEWHA Cup by heating Loughborough 3-0, helped by two goals from Jane Smith. But Hightown improved

But Hightown improved "I never looked behind; I their chances of winning the just kept my head down and lengue by hearing Sutton 1-0 kept going," said the Derbyin the top-of-the-table clash born. Tuscan-domiciled racer Trish Mandsley scored the who with his fellow break-

Cycling

English claim No comebacks as Bugner

William Fotheringham in Nice

ICE's Promenade des Anglais, a stage-finish straight in the Paris-Nice since the race's inception in 1933, lived up to its name yesterday. Britain's Max Sciandri won yesterday morning's stage and Chris Boardman took the afternoon's time-trial. But overall victory in the 750-mile, eightday "Race to the Sun" went to France's World No. 1 Laurent Jalabert, who repeated his victory of last year. The promenade is a five-

mile stretch of palm-lined highway curving between the hotels and the beach. Yesterday's Anglais were rather different from the joggers and skate-boarders in designer maiden ladies out walking their dogs who usually throng its wide pavements. Sciandri's victory in the

morning's 40-mile out-andhome road race was gained in the teeth of a spectacular high-speed pursuit from the bunch who, led by the sprinters, were breathing down the necks of Sciandri and his two breakaway companions for the length of the promenade.

held on by a couple of hun-dred yards for his first vic-tory of the year. His sights now are on Saturday's Milan-San Remo Classic, the open

ing round of the World Cup.

Four hours later, at the end
of the 12-mile time trial along the dead flat coast road from Antibes, it was Boardman's turn. His victory had been widely predicted during the previous week and he duly de-livered despite a cold which had affected him during Saturday's stage. After several days of chilly rain the sun finally shone in time to dry out his lungs.

At an average speed of over 35mph Boardman's victory was the fastest time-trial recorded in a major profes-sional stage race. He outstripped his own record set in the prologue of the 1994 Tour de France and won by 24 seconds, a huge margin for such a short distance. It was enough to lift him into third place overall, only five seconds behind the 1993 world champion Lance Armstrong

of the United States. "I felt really good, really smooth and strong," Boardman said afterwards, adding that he was encouraged to reach such a level so soon after making his comeback from his crash in last year's Tour de France. "I'm very pleased to go like this after a week's racing, considering that yesterday I was in a real

the promenade admits to 30 hated years

Paul Weaver

ish heavywelght champion was stopped over the weekend but this time there will be no returning. In Berlin, city of ruins and building sites, Joe Bugner, 46, looked like any other desolate edifice after Scott Welch had ended both his second comeback and farfetched ambitions to fight Frank Bruno again, or even George Foreman in boxing's Antiques Roadshow. Despite considerable abil-

NOTHER former Brit-

ity and undoubted bravery Bugner has always fought with hollow conviction, and finally came clean after Saturday's fight: he has hated every minute of a professional career span-

antee you will never see my name associated with boxing again," Bugner said, nursing a suspected broken

"A lot of fighters believe they love the sport. It gives them a living and an image. I believe fighters are nice people. They're professionrounded by dickheads. I Australia's heavyweight don't think the general public can be fooled by these imbeciles.

Australia's heavyweight champion. "I was treated like a kid. The place was bloody empty. I knew only

"At home in Australia I never associate with boxing people. They're crude and very ruthless; and they're only after one thing, big bucks." Before the fight Bugner's

disillusionment was total. His meeting with Welch, wealth champion, for the rather meaningless WBO Inter-Continental heavy-weight title, was the first fight on the bill at the halfempty Deutschlandhalle. They played Waltzing Matilda — after all he is

ning 30 years. "In simple English I guar-

"I really, truly, don't like the business. I can tell you that now it's all over. I was just doing it for financial reasons. I've hated it since I was 17 but it looked after

through whom he outsprinted, state and hardly got through." als. But they are sur- right hand on Saturday



Naseem . . . no problem with

three days before that I

should be on at seven instead of 11."
The British Boxing Board

of Control had refused

fortable win vindicated its

In the sixth Bugner sur-

vived a slow count of nine

but was stopped towards

the end of the round. "Only

two fighters have hit me

harder than Scott: Ron Lyle

and Joe Frazier," Bugner

Welch was as generous:

"I've always been a great fan of Joe's although I

couldn't really say that be-

fore the fight. He impressed me with his hand speed."

Really? Old Joe failed to

Naseem Hamed needed

only 35 seconds to stop Said

Lawal in his first defence of

the WBO featherweight

title in Glasgow on Satur-

day night. The Sheffield fighter, 22,

floored the Austrian-based

Nigerian with his first

punch — a right. When Lawal went down again to a

straight right, the referee

Naseem had been out of

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Giants fall

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third-quarter gallop, compen-sating for the foul trouble that had temporarily removed

James. "That was when I thought the pressure would come, but it never materialised."

successive defeat. They have fallen to sixth in the league.



England 28, Ireland 15

Wales 16, France 15

Welsh open way for England's bulldozer

Rowell yet to deliver on vision

Robert Armstrong

OVE him or loathe him, Jack Rowell has the happy knack, acquired over many hard competitive years at Bath, of putting silverware on the table. It should come as no his true priorities that Eng-land, against the odds, have won the Triple Crown and the Five Nations Cup after threat-ening to finish as incompe-tent also-rans. Winning has always come

first for him and, though this latest bag of trophies will come as small consolation for England's failure in last manager will know he has made another significant mark in the record books.

The helping hand that Wales gave to England's championship campaign also ensured a fitting farewell for Will Carling in his 59th and last game as captain. Carling, who was again England's most dynamic back before an ankle injury saw him carried off in the 33rd minute, deserved to go out on a trium-

phant note.
The downside to England's achievement will be conve-niently obscured by the fact

They are light years away from the vision of total rugby that Rowell espouses

hemisphere in the offing. Instead of putting their fragile status as Europe's top dogs to the test in, say, New Zealand - a country they have not toured for 11 long years — the players will disperse in May, ight years away from the vision of total rugby that probably in 1998, would ex-Rowell frequently espouses.

The problem is that Rowell's biggest strength—which is finding what is necessary to win—is also his For the moment Rowell and the less orthodox population opponents who value movement and precise handling above everything.

For the moment Rowell and besetting weakness. When the bottom line is victory or deland's last two games, he sim-ply wheels out the armoured divisions in the form of Richards, Johnson, Rowntree and fraction. It was enjoyable to firmly into the mud.

make genuine efforts to gen-erate quick ball and launch their backs against the Irish, especially in the first half, but like old lags who cannot resist the temptation to break parole they soon reverted. In the final half-hour England did not play 10-man rugby ex-actly but they were not far short of it and Jon Sleight-holme's sensational try came like a gift from the gods. In fact, it was only Eng-

land's third championship try, a statistic that now makes last season's total of nine tries seem like vintage stuff. Whereas Scotland and Wales both set out this season to play a flexible fast-moving game, Rowell's revamped England side have lurched ponderously from one match to the next, flirting briefly with a risk-taking pattern before pulling in their horns with the rallying cry "Give it

Unfortunately Rowell has

campaign to force him out of

Increasingly it seems that England lack a truly international dimension to their play, a shortcoming which will largely negate their chances of winning the next World Cup. One suspects that Rowell's own lack of international experience until he was tional experience until he was well past 50 has come home to roost, as it did to some degree with his predecessor Geoff Cooke, who on the whole was happy to persevere with a limited style of rugby during the 1991 World Cup. When Rowell was in charge

of Bath a favourite jibe was that a player was "good enough for England but not for Bath". Yet that self-satis-fied remark seems to be more pertinent now that Rowell is England manager and Bath are coached by Brian Ashton and Jon Hall. This season only Bath, under the astute captaincy of Phil de Glanville, have demonstrated the ability to develop the type of all-purpose game that wins respect among the major southern hemisphere teams. Conventional wisdom sug-

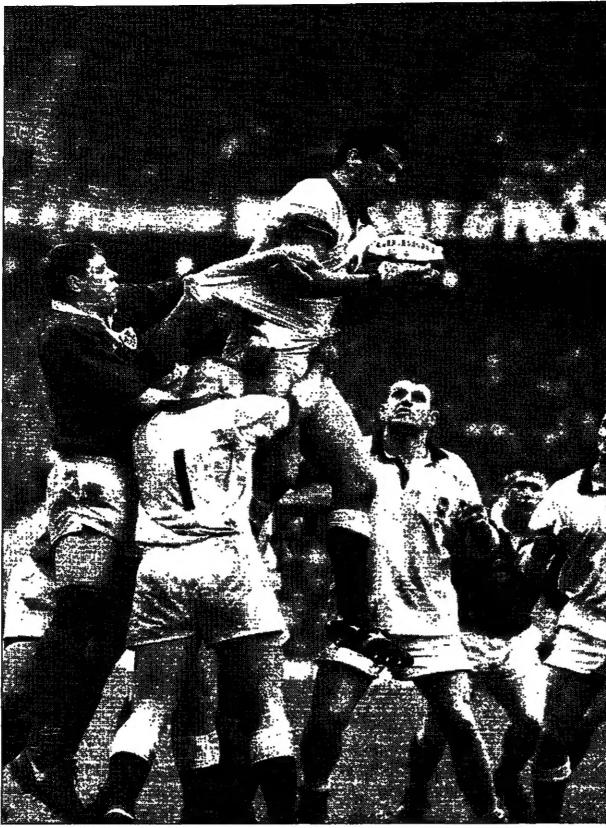
gests that Paul Grayson and Matt Dawson, who both had mixed fortunes against the Irish, are failing to coordinate slickly with the backs, the forwards and each other, and there may be some justice in the charge. However, since their international debut against the Samoans in Deagainst the Samoans in December the Northampton pair have been forced to adapt to an ever-changing game plan that saw the back row reshuffled constantly and Richards suddenly recalled in mid-championship.

Perhaps next season's European Cup, which involves English clubs for the first time, will give the leading

time, will give the leading players and coaches the fresh stimulus they need to shake off the mind-set of low-risk conservative rugby, Competi-tive contact with the likes of Toulouse, Llanelli, Milan and the Scottish districts could work wonders for the quality of English decision-making. measily aware that they are In addition the entry of Italy l into a new six-nations format

For the moment Rowell and his lieutenants can consider the sobering paradox that they have won a series of grim domestic battles without advancing their cause in the world conflict by more than a first international try, yet, as Sure, the English pack did | the Bath wing later acknowledged, it was the only scoring chance he received in the entire championship. Such wilful neglect of individual tal-ent must be the true measure of England's distinctly dodgy

• England's women comthe inaugural Home Nations mistaken persistent public demands that he deliver on his pledge to play 15-man rugby at Sunbury.



Swing high . . . Martin Johnson soars in the line-out with help from Graham Rowntree

Hobbling triumph of Will

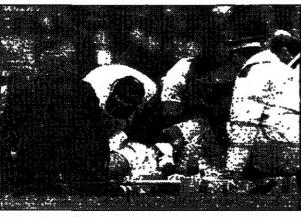
Frank Keating sees the captain undergo a schoolboy comic's story ing 12-9, a bum back-row move had been called joy, pain and a curtain-call at Twickenham

H. MUM was there at the end as she had been at the beginning. At the first beginning, of course, 31 De-cembers ago, but also the one in October 1988 when the 22-year-old with a "methe 22-year-old with a "me-dium Kevin Keegan" perm had popped into his parents home to be told by Pamela Carling that there was a message for him to telephone Geoff Cooke, England's manager. The stead he was captain. First

with a kiss was mum.

The historic sequence ended on Saturday in Twickenham's new state-ofthe art medical suite as the doctors huddled over his ankle — and mum was again alongside, having left her seat to hurry down and hold her son's hand.

A sad way to go? Well, up to a point, Lord Carling. Highly dramatic and differ-ently memorable more like. When he hobbled up the steps on crutches to receive personage to the acclaim of 75,000 he put the tin lid on



Staunch Dean Richards had held back the rest of the side precisely long enough for the approbation to be heartfelt but not jarringly so — just as, an hour and a half before, Mark Regan had stage-managed

the entrance. In the first of his six internationals, against South Africa in November, Regan had tremulously asked Carhad tremulously asked Car-ling if, for first-cap adrena-lin necessities, he could fol-low immediately behind the captain as he led the team to the pitch. "Sure, Ronnie, no probs." Four months later that one-two order has become a ritual. On Saturday Regan stopped the crocodile out of

the tunnel once the captain

had been assured of "no

funny business", so Carling ran out alone to the first standing ovation. He ac-knowledged it with a sweet and sheepish half-wave. Immediately after the game, unrowdlly content, they drank Laurent Perrier pink champagne from plas-tic mugs. The captain hobbled round the room to shake hands with every man. Then the coach Jack Rowell did the same. Thanks, I'm proud of Somebody mentioned

that in the solitary defeat in Paris, with England lead-

when, in fact, the ball should have been secured to hoof into the Bois de Boulogne. The French had equalised with the penalty and then, 54 seconds into injury time, had dropped a wobbling goal to win 15-12. "Hey guys, we were only four minutes 54 seconds

from another Grand Slam.' They were too. Certainly a champion ship iced by Sleightholme's explosively coiled try has, for the next six months anyway, routed Rowell's enemies. As the Ireland coach Murray Kidd underlined: "England have been badly maligned by their critics. They deserve what they've got." He reckoned the Murray-

field win England's finest achievement. "That was some performance; the crit-icism was beyond me. If Ireland or any side I've coached had managed a win like that up there, all of us would have been ecstatic.
"I think it's the English critics themselves who have the arrogance, one which presumes their side should beat everyone else just by playing pretty rugby. That's totally ludi-crous. As the Irish proved today, and Wales did as well, there are no easy beats in this competition

France fall to fire and fierce ruck

LES said au Nations games at the Arms Park for three years on Saturday — the stadium is to be transformed into a futuristic arena for the 1989 World Cup — with the hope that, at last, the nation is building a team whose deeds will raise the new ground's retractable roof.
It was an afternoon of high emotion. Before the game Land Of My Fathers was sung with renewed passion, and some 90 minutes later Jon Humphreys was leading his men back out to acknowledge

the roars of a crowd acclaiming this quite unexpected The only discordant note was when a distress flare was then fired from the terraces and landed near the centre of the pitch. On this ground three years ago a spectator died when struck by a flare at

a soccer match. This was booliganism of the worst kind. The incident could not mar a performance of great tenac-ity and no little skill by Wales, who had seemed destined for a second successive wooden spoon. Their pack, with Gareth Llewellyn and Gwyn Jones outstanding, rucked like the Scots at their est. Their forwards were in variably quicker to the break-down to win second-phase possession, with the French pinned back in their own half

for long periods.

For Wales's coach Kevin
Bowring it was an especially
satisfying afternoon. "We
knew we had to stop their
driving maul, put them on the ground and then support with dynamic rucking. That was going to be the emphasis of our game," he said.

Wales also had a trump card in Robert Howley, the outstanding scrum-half of the tournament and a player still coveted by Saracens. His 11thninute try set the tone for the afternoon. Derwyn Jones won a line-out and the ball was staved on his feet to release it by four tacklers. And then Howley reacted in a split second; taking the ball just inside the French 22, he instinc-tively saw a blind-side gap and accelerated in a perfect arc past three would-be tack-lers to touch down in the lefthand corner. Magnificent.

As the game wore on, France's pack was rarely able to give the backs an attacking platform. But as always the French can be lethal at counter-attacks, and when the visitors turned over Welsh possession deep inside their own half, Emile Ntamack was able to release his line with a glorious flourish which ended with Thomas Castaignède touching down in the opposite corner in the 18th minute.

Ntamack scored what appeared to be the winning try 12 minutes from time, al-

was being driven back at a scrum five yards from by the French then cost them the game as Neil Jenkins slot-ted the winning penalty from in front of the posts five min-utes before the whistle.

After the match France could not disguise their frustration at gifting the championship to England. In the autumn they beat the All Blacks in Toulouse in a mem-orable game and their young Europe. But their coach Jean-Claude Skrela has used 29

some baffling selections.
One such was Abdel Bensecond row; and Thierry La-croix's goal-kicking was such a tight game as this.

tried to rebuild," said the cap-tain, Philippe Saint-Andre. "But our game in Scotland was our biggest let-down. We're the only team in the seven tries in a match, though so there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic." And with a polite "Bonsoir" he hobbled off to take a drugs test.

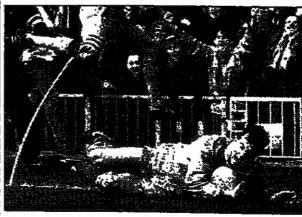
Perhaps his coach had an inkling that France's champi-

Wales had a trump card in Howley, the outstanding scrum-half of the tournament

television showed a replay of this fixture 20 years ago when JPR Williams legally shoulder-charged the France wing Jean-François Gourdon prevent a try and give Wales. Skrele was in France's side

that day.
Phil Bennett was playing for Wales. Last week he called the current side "jelly

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Shouting match . . . Howley and fans celebrate Wales's try

Athletics

Modahl sues for £480,000

Stephen Blerley

IANE MODARL is suing the British Athletic Federation for £480,000 compensation over her drugs case, the federation's annual meeting was told in Birmingham. The figure was disclosed by

the outgoing treasurer John Lister, who warned of "painful" years ahead for the sport, adding that commercial income fell short of the budget by £174,000 last year. Lister, speaking on Satur-

day, revealed that £250,000 finding.

actions in the past five years, stressed the lack of evidence with £195,000 going on the Modahl case, still unresolved. On the same day in Mans-field, where Modahl helped her club Sale Harriers win the women's team event at the national cross country

relay championships, her husband Vicente spoke of their financial difficulties. Next weekend in Cape Town the International Amateur Athletic Federation is to make a further pronounce-ment. The BAF cleared Modahl on appeal last year but the IAAF has not accepted the

BAF's lack of help and its unwillingness to accept any fi-

nancial responsibility.

Lister restated the BAF's position that, on the best current advice. "Mrs Modahl has no legal basis for a claim". He added that the BAF was having to bear "an unfair

Although accentuated by the legal costs in the Modahi case, the loss made last year was a grim warning to the BAF, and Lister attacked the English AAA. for hanging on to its £1.8 million account. image of trouble-making and greedy self-interest". Lister, whose decision to

stand down as treasurer came earlier this year, was replaced by Martin Evanson, the treasurer of the South of England; he defeated Geoff Parsons, who with Roger Black was instrumental in launching the International Athletes' Association last

year, by 550 votes to 356. Asked from the floor if there were any plans to staunch the profligacy of head office, Peter Radford, the BAF's chairman, said he "absolutely boy to faint and held up rejected such nonsense". boy to faint and held up play for 10 minutes. Vicente Modahl again and the South of England AA. rejected such nonsense".

Tennis

Just deserts for Graf in heated return from surgery on foot

STEFFI GRAF overcame Searing heat and a be-low-par performance to defeat Conchita Martinez 7-6 7-6 in the final of the State Farm Evert Cup in Indian

It was Graf's first tournament since foot surgery in December, and the top seed had to come from behind to take the tie-breaks 7-5. She has now beaten Martinez 12 times in 13 meetings.

Graf committed 53 un-forced errors against 42 by Martinez in 110F desert heat which caused one ball-

Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi saw their hopes of returning to the top of the world rankings disappear when they lost in the Newsweek Champions Cup quar-

Sampras fell to the Dutch-man Paul Haarhuis 7-5, 6-7, 6-I and Agassi went down 6-7. 6-2, 6-1 to Michael Chang. Haarhuis later beat Goran Ivanisevic for a final put out Marcelo Rios.

Britain's Tim Henman
lost to Cedric Pioline of

France in three sets in the semi-finals of the Copenha-gen Open. first Britons to win an Olym-pic badminton medal, having 10-10 in the second game.

Badminton

Olympic fillip for British pair after taste of mixed fortunes

Richard Jago

SIMON ARCHER and Julie Bradbury were losers and winners after their first final in the Yonex All England Championships in Birmingham on Saturday.

They lost 15-10, 15-10 to the legendary Park Joo-Bong and his new partner Ra Kyung-Min, but the third-seeded place against Chang, who put out Marcelo Rios.

English pair appear to have won a top-four seeding for the Atlanta Olympics in July.

That will give them a stronger chance of becoming the

already shown themselves to be among the front runners with their 15-4, 14-17, 15-11 victory at midnight on Friday against Jan-Erik Antonsson and Astrid Crabo, the Swedes who denied them a medal in the world championships last

Their chances in the final were limited, however, with Archer's footwork inhibited by an injured ankle. Bradbury had to cover more ground than usual and made more mistakes. Forced to become more defensive, they were less effective but fought hard and were still in contention until

Soccer

Premier Division: Rangers 1, Cettic 1

Hughes the Lochinvar

Patrick Glenn

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N THE matter of timely rescues John Hughes proved himself the equal of Young Lochinvar. The Celtic defender's 86th-minute header at Ibrox yesterday allowed his team to carry off a share of the points which, in another engrossing Old Firm duel. had looked highly improbable.

If the result proved anything, it is that Celtic do not yet possess the surge of nerve and will to carry them to victory over their greatest rivals in matches of utter impor-tance. Their three draws and one defeat from the series in this dramatic championship campaign are likely to be the most decisive factor when the trophy is won seven games from now.

That three-point difference in the derby matches is pre-cisely the lead that Rangers retain at the top of the Pre-mier Division after a day on which they looked likely to

Double distress for Venables

TERRY VENABLES, the England coach, left Ibrox Park with a headache induced by two different sources after yesterday's Rangers-Celtic match.

writes Patrick Glenn. Venables was present to assess the form of Paul Gascoigne. Rangers' enigmatic midfielder. But, loudly and menacingly abused by fans on his way to the ground, he had to be given a police escort to the front door.

He may have been more worried by Gascoigne's condition than his ability at the end of 90 minutes during which he impressed only in snatches. Alarmingly for Venables, Gascoline looked leg-weary and breathless long before the finish. And he was again fortunate to stay on the field.

Before he was booked for a heavy challenge on Andreas Thom, Gascoigne had swung a retaliatory elbow at Jackie McNamara, who had beld his jersey. The referce chose a verbal, rather than an official caution.

If there was an element of good fortune about Rangers' advantage at the interval, there would have been little argument over their right to victory had Hughes not intervened. Even after an equalis-er which could have led to disintegration in a team lack-ing normal hardiness. Rangers had opportunities to

secure full points.
Celtic, playing with their accustomed neat passing and fluent movement, looked in control of themselves and the play when McLaren gave Rangers their goal in the 41st minute. O'Donnell committed a needless foul on Cleland. and when Gascoigne whipped in the free-kick towards the penalty spot, McLaren, with his back to goal, simply helped the ball on with the back of his head and it screwed away to the left of

The challengers had more

champions, even after they lost McNamara, sent off for a second bookable offence, in the 78th minute. But Goram was hardly troubled whereas Marshall was summoned to make an extraordinary save from Durie, whose header from 10 yards would have found the top corner had not Marshall flung himself left to tip the ball against the post.

Durie had also cleared the ball from his own goal-line after Boyd's run and cut-back had left McLaughlin with a chance. The first shot was blocked; the second spun

completed the clearance. The free-kick that Miller conceded to bring Celtic their equaliser was as unnecessary as O'Donnell's before the interval. He tripped McStay, Grant swung the ball into the area and Hughes's header into Goram's right-band

towards the line, where Durie

If a draw satisfied both per ties, it was the Celtic support worry that their team have yet to prove themselves capable of passing the most stringent test of all.

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Sandwich man . . . Gascoigne is caught between two Celtic players in the Old Firm match which, ending 1–1, kept Rangers three points clear 💎 CLME MASON

Endsleigh First Division: Birmingham City 0, Sunderland 2

Reid's new leaders made in his own image

Tom Evans

MOOTBALL teams often reflect the personality of their manager. Peter Reid's new First Division aders Sunderland certainly conform to that.

The former Everion and England midfielder has in-stilled the qualities in the Wearsiders that he became known for as a player. They are disciplined, strong and at imes skilful. They are also winners to a man.

Fry's Birmingham team, in ball and Steve Agnew's run mingham came to damaging a shown the standard needed to his own vernacular, show went unnoticed. The mid-plenty of front but are either world-beaters or panel-beat-Bart Griemink's bottom left. The match was ended as a shown the standard needed to reach the Premiership, his own side were woefully short. Reid said: "No matter how plenty of front but are either world-beaters or panel-beat-ers. This time his side should have stuck to their cars.

The gulf between the two

teams was exposed after 15 minutes. Kevin Ball, who as captain leads from the front, back, side and anywhere else where he can make a chal-lenge, threaded the ball through to his fellow defender Andy Melville, who had stayed up front after a sethand corner.

Griemink saved from Mel-ville, Paul Stewart somehow missed from two yards and Ball saw a header float wide as the half went firmly the way of Sunderland. Birmingham finally pro-

duced something on target when Paul Tait's deflected 53rd-minute shot was gathinnes skilful. They are also stayed up front after a set ered by the on-loan Black-rinners to a man. Stayed up front after a set ered by the on-loan Black-burn keeper Shay Given — but that was as close as Bir-

contest 10 minutes later. Dariusz Kubicki worked his way down the right and crossed

for Melville to nod home. It was that simple. Sunderland, now a point ahead of Derby, are unbeaten in their last nine games and have won seven

succession.

Fry said afterwards he expected Reid's team to win the division by 10 points and added that, if Sunderland had hard it was to get there, it's even harder to stay at the top." But, as anyone who knew him as a player would testify. Reid has never been lacking in the combative department.

Birmingham City: Griemink; Bass (Forsyth, 63min), Frain, Tair Breen, Johanon Huni, Devlin (Bowes 63) Barnes, Samways (Richardson, 63), Legg Sunderland: Given; Kubicki, Spott Bracewell Ball, Metville, M Gray, Ord, Russell (Bridges, 78), Srewart (P Gray, 81, Hall, 86), Agnew.

Vale's hard cheese on Rai

ORT VALE were live on italian television yesterday. Italy cannot

have been impressed The struggling Potteries team suffered humiliation on their third visit to Wembley in three years when they lost 5-2 to Genoa in what may well be the last Anglo-Italian Cup final.

The Italians took a 5-0 lead with Gennaro Ruotolo's third goal in the 65th minute before Martin Foyle took some con-solation from the game with

"I'm afraid they gave us a bit of a lesson," the Vale man-ager John Rudge admitted. "We have travelled thousands of miles and played eight games in this competition but unfortunately we left our worst performance until the final. We never really got started and Genoa showed

they are a very good side.
"I just hope chins are not too down because we still have a lot of League fixtures to play and need a few more points to ensure our safety in the First Division."

There were only 12,663 at Wembley but millions saw the game on TV. The staterun Rai network broadcast the game live in Italy in an attempt to fill schedules depleted by the players' strike that wiped out the Serie A programme this weekend.

An opinion poll showed that a majority of fans sympathised with the players' com plaints, but a dissenting group met at the same Milan hotel in which the strike had been confirmed and threatened to strike as well.

"We are living a weekend that feels like a century on a desert island that once was sacred to soccer." a columnist in Rome's daily La Repubblica lamented. "Here we are, millions of poor Robinson Crusoes.

Newcastle and West Ham each have a central defender returning to fitness in time for tonight's important Premiership game at St James

Newcastle have Darren Peacock back from injury. though he may not get into the side. West Ham welcome back Marc Rieper after illness ruled him out of last week-end's 2-0 victory over Middlesbrough. Tony Cottee is exnected to start if he

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Rugby Union WRU MIDWEEK COMPETITIONS Pool C

Snooker Alan McManus came back from 54-0 down to win the final frame and edge out Ken Doherty 9-8 in the Thailand Open final in Bangkok last night — sarning £40,000 and his first title since the Dubai

Classic 18 months ago, writes Clive Everton.

Doherty had himself clawed back from 7-5 down but the Scot clinched victory with a clearance to the pink initiated by potting the last red to a ilk pocket down the length of the side cushion.

McManus had only one halfcentury break in the 61's-hour final but earned a £5,000 highest-break bonus for a 139 total clearance in his 6-5 semi-final win over Peter Ebdon.

Cricket

Yorkshire's AGM yesterday supported the proposed move away from Headingley to a purpose-built stadium. A green-field site near M1 junction 39 is thought the leading candidate but the county's president Sir Lawrence Byford said: "There is nothing settled. We are open to approaches from other areas. He added: "Anyone who wants to accommodate Yorkshire cricket and has the money should step forward. Time is of the essence. We can't afford to sit back be-

cause, if we do. we will miss the boat." South Australia reached the Sheffield Shield final with a 21-run win over Tasmania.

Table Tennis

The Devon teenager Alex Perry sprang the surprise of the English National Championships when he beat the 11times champion Desmond Douglas 19-21, 21-17, 21-16, 21-17 to reach the quarterfinals in Brighton. The veteran had no answer to the ton-spin attack of the 19-yearold Perry, a professional

Motor Racing

working mainly in Sweden.

The former Formula One English driver Mark Blundell crashed spectacularly against a perimeter wall at 190mph in vesterday's Rio de Janeiro Ir.dyCar race - and came away with only a broken toe. The race was won by Brazil's Andre Ribeiro from the American Al Unser Jr.

Real Tennis

The British Amateur Championship went to Julian Snow for the ninth time in 10 years when he beat Mark Howard 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 yesterday at Hampton Court, writes David



SportsGuardian

Frank Bruno's bid to hang on to his WBC title is left in tatters after little more than two rounds. Richard Williams reports from Las Vegas

Tyson gets back to basic instincts

Bruno's reign ends after 197 days

in the MGM Grand Garden on Saturday night the natural order reasserted itself when Mike Tyson deprived Frank Mike Tyson deprived Frank Bruno of the World Boxing Council heavyweight title by a technical knockout following a whirlwind of the left eye. The value of the blow could be seen as Bruno retreated to his corner and following a whirlwind of punches that left the defending champion's senses in

But in case anyone should think that it was easy pick-ings for the challenger, Tyson's demeanour at the end of the fight showed the significonce he attached to success in the first stage of his at-tempt to reunify the three heavyweight titles. He fell to lus knees, bowing directly at Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, who was sitting at ringside. And when the new champion had the WBC belt safely around his midriff, he came to the edge of the platform to show it in a display of pure machismo that will have done no good to the morale of whoever his next opponent turns out to be. Bruno had held the title for

197 days, an achievement of which he can be justifiably proud and which will ensure him a special standing among his fellow countrymen for as long as he lives. This, they will say, was a man who got into a boxing ring with Mike Tyson not once but twice; he will be admired for the dog-ged courage with which, in the course of a 14-year professional career, he found ways to overcome a complete lack of innate aptitude for the

game's techniques.

Tyson, of course, is the most natural of fighters, ele-mental in his ferocity and his bigger opponents. Yet it must be said that the Bruno of 1996 could not match the achieve ment of his younger self, who had lasted five rounds in 1989 and briefly but memorably hurt a man who at the time looked the most invincible fighter since Marciano.

Saturday's opening round must nevertheless have been Bruno has fought, given the

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to devise a counter-attack. George Francis began working on a deep cut an inch long just beneath the eyebrow.

Effectively the fight ended at that moment. Thereafter Bruno's prime concern was to protect the eye from further injury; he never got a chance

410 seconds to oblivion

ROUND ONE

Atmosphere tremendous as fighters meet at ring centre. Tyson scowling, impassive; Bruno visibly trying to summon deter-Referee Mills Lane has to shout as he lasues last-minute

Tyson starts fest, climbs all over Bruno, who has no room to do more than hold or cutt side of Tyson's head. Furious exchange of punches indicate the round even, perhaps even shaded by

ROUND TWO Bruno catches the onrushing Ty-son with a short uppercut lead. Tyson, head way down, fields it on his shoulder. More grabbing leads to a public warning for Bruno, who loses the round, if only through the deducted point. ROUND THREE

More grabbing by Bruno; his punch resistance is weakening. Lane again parts them in centre ring, warning both men. As he waves them on, Tyson finds space to land crushing left hook legged, reels back against ropes. Tyson seizes his chance. Two left hooks to the head bring the way for two right uppercuts. A further left and right hook, all unprotected blows, lead Lane to stee in. The Americans are how-

ing and weeping; the British contingent is silent. it has all taken just six minutes

The Guardian 's new

told them, look, you're fighting a hell of a fight, but knock off all this crap, the grabbing and the jerking on the in-side," he said. A couple of minutes later he gave Bruno a further warning and deducted a point. "He was grabbing and holding. He didn't want to get hit. But it wasn't just

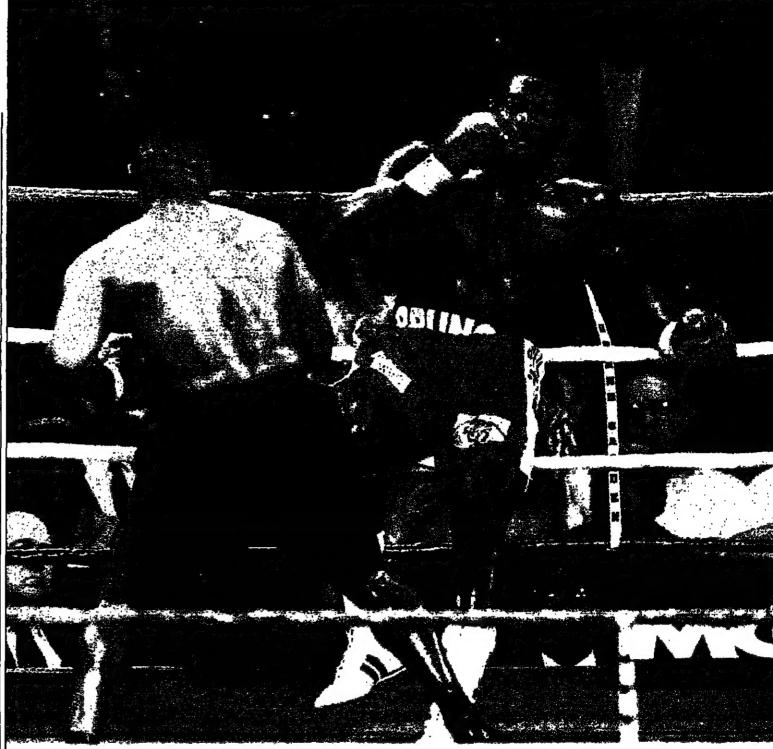
defensive grabbing. It was of-fensive grabbing." Tyson missed with a big left hook, as he was to do again early in the third round, but they were the exceptions. When Bruno tried switching to a left lead to protect his cut, it was to no avail. Half a min-ute into the third, after Bruno had been warned again for holding. Tyson launched the assault that broke the

champion.
It began with two big lefts to the jaw, followed by a right and a left to the head which forced Bruno back into the ropes. Bruno's defence was now non-existent. Tyson waited, watched and then un-leashed a series of three righthand uppercuts, the first and third of which detonated in Bruno's face. A further left and right as he went down against the ropes were super-fluous. Lane, his shirt splattered with the champion's blood, was already moving in to save Bruno from further punishment.

"He was in real trouble, Lane said later. "He was hurt bad, really getting nailed. Tyson's pretty close to being back, I'll tell you that. But it wasn't a dirty fight. It was a pure fight. And he's a pure fighter."

The winner, unmarked, have fought all night, taking on the champions of the other two governing bodies — the IBF's François Botha necessary, perhaps with Lennox Lewis thrown in for good measure. "As you could see," Tyson said. "I was throwing punches. I'm doing well but I still have plenty of room for improvement." Who will his next opponent be? "Fil fight anyone Don King puts in

From Bruno there was an nonest admission of failure.



Seconds out, again . . . Tyson knocks Bruno backwards and on to the ropes as the referee prepares to call a halt

And that's what Tyson is, a better than I thought. He beat

me fair and square. It's a rough game. Now I'm going to chill out with my family before I make any more The thousands who had travelled from Britain were

clearly of a mind to forgive him for failing to extend Tyson further. Not so Floyd Pat-"I was trying to use my terson, a great former cham- Tyson had still won, then I weight against him." he said. pion. "I expected Bruno to could have told you he's back.

He fought Tyson's fight. I've seen him box before but he didn't tonight. He just came out and slugged. That made it a lot harder for him to beat Tyson." Did he think Tyson was back to his best form? "Based on the way the other guy fought, I could not tell. If Bruno had done all the things

slugger."

Patterson was standing in the hotel casino, patiently signing autographs for a queue of British fans whose aggression had been spent in the hours building up to the fight, when Tyson's admirers had filed into the hall with utter bemusement on their faces as they ran the gauntlet had left the ring Bruno was of the hordes in Chelses and still in there, gathering his

Set by Orlando

"There's only one Frankie Bruno" and "Tyson is a rapist, Tyson is a rapist, la-la la la la". But in the end Bruno's supporters appeared to recogwas a thoroughly realistic reflection of the respective abilities of the two, with no discredit to their favourite.

wits. The celebrities -Murphy, Steffi Graf. Ice T, Jack Nicholson, Paul Weller, Kevin Costner, Bill Cosby and many more — were long gone. Only a few hundred British fans were still around to salute what will surely be his last exit from a boxing ring. He picked up a Union Jack and waved it in salute to the last of the faithful. Then he time to go home.

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Bring on Lewis, but slowly

By his choice of challenger we shall know the new Mike Tvson, savs Kevin Mitchell

has been returned to the custody of a man for whom the sport's integrity and traditions once mattered much.

Whether such romantic notions are still a priority for Mike Tyson will be determined, however, by his willingness to face the one fighter left who seems capable of testing whether the 6min 50sec of fury that Tyson visited upon Frank Bruno represented a genu-ine rehabilitation: Lennox

The first fight, of course, will involve competing promoters and their lawyers. Round one went to Lewis last Friday when a New Jersey court ruled that the World Boxing Council must grant the former champion the shot at the title he was promised nearly a year ago. However, Don King is not so sure. Lacing his post-

THE immediate future light analysis of the ruling of heavyweight boxing with his customary sarsaid: "We respect the cour to take the system on. It is part of our liberty. Given that King has long taken liberties with the

truth and the system, no-body should be carried away with his apparent commitment to allowing an outsider into the Tyson party. But he might not be able to keep Lewis out indefinitely, and there is commercial logic in a Septem-ber showdown between the new and the old champion. However, the presence on Saturday night's bout of King's other two title-bolders, Bruce Seldon (World Boxing Association) and Frans Botha (International Boxing Federation), encouraged the view that

Tyson will be fed a couple of tune-ups this summer.

Which brings us back to the new WBC champion's motivation and what remains of his real regard for the tawdry old game. Apart from Lewis, whose

I've seen him do before, and

size, speed and punching authority command Tyson's professional respect, only Riddick Bowe among the established heavyweights might have the artillery to mount a credible threat. But given his contractual arrangements with King's most difficult rival, Rock Newman, a fight between Tyson and Bowe would be hard to nail down.

George Foreman? His \$15 million (£10 million) offer tion tour of Asia and Australia was rejected out of hand last week. He would he little more than a novelty opponent now.

Evander Holyfield, such a fine warrior once, looks beyond repair. Michael Moorer's skills are deteriorating through inactivity.

Logic points to Lewis as the contender. But when did logic and reality get on in professional boxing?

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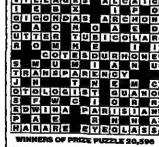
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